Coach Dues and his newest shot-putting star, Jenkins

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TRACK:

Dues Did It

To a connoisseur of the incredible, the Miller High School track team's ineptness in 1940 was worth preserving. Its worst defeat was given a place in one of the late Bob Ripley's "Believe It or Not" cartoons. The score: 101 to 2.

Leroy Walker Dues, peering at Miller High's shame through rimless glasses, refused to believe it. He asked for a chance to coach the team, simply because "I was so disgusted. A thing like that just shouldn't happen." At times, after he got the job in 1941, he wasn't so sure.

Miller High is situated in a Negro slum district in Detroit, and there had been enough incidents at its athletic events to give the school a bad name. "No team wanted to play Miller," according to one rival coach; "because somebody might get socked."

Understanding: Leroy Dues was up to handling kids like that. The easy-mannered but meticulous Negro stood 5 feet 11, weighed more than 200 pounds, and had a reputation around Detroit as a Wayne University football tackle and a shot-putter who had won a state championship and finished fourth in the 1932 Olympic trials. But only six or seven of Miller High's 1,700 students, virtually all Negroes, had been showing up to compete in some of the track meets.

Those who did were likely to look underfed: "Their parents bought the food they liked instead of the food that was good for them." Only by visiting their homes could a coach be sure that they ever got to bed on time. Dues had another reason for regularly paying such visits: "It was the only way to understand why they did the things they did."

Lacking indoor or outdoor practice facilities, Coach Dues set up hurdles in the school corridor on Saturday mornings. He found 25 kids ready to pay the membership fees that would give them access to a YMCA track. They also paid their own bus and trolley fares to the outdoor drills at Belle Isle.

New Look: This year Leroy Dues, now athletic director as well as track coach, was still improvising but Miller High's sullen look was gone. Its basketball team, coached by Bill Robinson, won the city championship last winter for the third straight year; it had played to 16,000 people at the Olympia Stadium. Last week its track squad won the eight-school East Side championship meet for the third time in four years.

Later in the week Miller finished second to Northwestern in the city championships (which it won in 1945) and produced one memorable individual performance. Walter Jenkins, the third Dues pupil and sixth Detroit schoolboy ever to do 50 feet or better in the 12-pound shot-put, made a heave of 53 feet 5 inches to shatter a 21-year-old city record. Experts thought he might eventually achieve the national stature of two other Dues-coached Miller High alumni: Charley Fonville (Michigan), who set a world's record of 58 feet ¼ inch with the 16-pound shot last year, and Lorenzo Wright (Wayne University), a sprinter and broad jumper on the 1948 American Olympic team.

To a Detroit News writer, it seemed that Miller High's exploits "have built up the morale of the entire neighborhood." But to Leroy Dues, the winning record wasn't the main thing. "Today," he said, "I can send the track team anywhere, even without a coach, and they'll be welcome. They don't act like Negro kids are supposed to act. That's what I'm proud of."

New York Age

Sports

by Dan Burley

DAY OF THE SHUTOUT, NIGHT OF THE KNOCKOUT

Wednesday night, Aug. 24, is a night I take pleasure in writing about. It was the night of the "double out"—a shutout at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, a knockout at Yankee Stadium, Bronx. At Ebbets Field Big Don Newcombe, candidate for Rookie of the Year honors in the National League, blanked the rampaging St. Louis Cardinals, 6-0 as his Brooklyn Dodger teammates turned from their losing habits momentarily to put up a grand fight. At Yankee Stadium, slim, trim Sugar Ray Robinson, greatest fighting machine of the smaller men of all time, blasted Steve Belloise to the canvas for keeps in the seventh round. It was a night to make people on our side of the fence very happy. It also made quite a few folks on the other side who think the thing through joyful in that it proved what could be done when people are given a fighting chance.

Nobody gave Big Don Newcombe anything at the opening break that put him with the Nashua, N. H., Dodgers. Branch Rickey did that. Newcombe had to prove his worth; had to demonstrate that he was head and shoulders above hundreds of others who strove to win berths with the Montreal Royals from whence he came to the Dodgers. And remember: many of the fellows who were his teammates would rather not have had him as such. It takes plenty of heart and guts to battle your way to the top. Don has it. The Dodgers tried their best to get out of having Newcombe on the team this year. Remember what happened in Florida during the training season and Newcombe's ultimatum to the Dodger front office? The result was that Newk practically blackjacked his way onto the team, apparently upsetting Rickey's plans. To make it worse, he turns out to be the best pitcher on the squad and the one who is in the position to assure a pennant for the Bums if they win one.

From what I understand, there is no great love for Newcombe as in the case of Jackie Robinson or Roy Campanella. The big fellow is just too much man for everybody. A gag is going the rounds that every time Newcombe pitches a strike, he adds it on his book for fuss fodder about more money. Remember: Don is probably earning the major league minimum, not the $20,000 he is actually worth right now.

Let's talk about Sugar Ray for a while. They don't like Robinson in the high spots. He knows how to count and them kind of fellers, as the boys on Jacobs Beach declare, are dangerous. In addition to being the best fist fighter in the world today, the Sugar Boy is also a demon at adding up what he's supposed to get and is no fool about scattering it around to a lot of hangers-on, playboys, glamour gals, hustlers, etc. If anyone doubted the rightness of the Negro's fight for equality, Robinson's fight with Belloise was a typical example. It was a sort of contribution made by the Negro in one field where the door is open and demonstrates what can be done on all sides if everybody went for the knockout punch at prejudice, discrimination, injustices, etc., wherever found.

Sugar Ray's story is the typical rags to riches saga with all the heartache, misery, disappointment that can be poured into it. There are hundreds of other boys, some on the sidewalks and backyards of our big towns, awaiting the chance to hit the big time but whose chances of getting a break depends on what those who are already on the stage and in the spotlight can do. If Sugar Ray doesn't knock his man out convincingly in the Joe Louis tradition, the way becomes harder for those who haven't had a chance to get in. If Don Newcombe doesn't fan the man or pitch winning ball, it balls things up for the fellow who is unknown but who is sitting on a bench someday his turn on the mound. What happened Wednesday night, Aug. 24, should go on the books for all to read. It was a night of triumph following a day of victory.

If you could have seen Sugar Ray in his tavern following the

fight at the Stadium you would have gotten an idea of what he means to Harlem. There are many who attempt to discredit him; many who dislike him for various reasons, but where there may be two who are not for him there are ten who are in his corner. And they are the little people around the corner; folk who don't get a chance to see him fight because they don't have the money. There were mothers whose kids played with Walker Smith, as he was originally named before he adopted the fancy Sugar Ray monicker. There were young men and women who had gone to school with him. They are the ones who keep him on top. His handlers, George Gainsford, manager; Peewee Beale, the slender, solemn-faced young man who has the reputation of working with only champions such as Henry Armstrong and Beau Jack.

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Alice Coachman

Olympic Star Alice Coachman Gets Degree

ALBANY, Ga. — Olympic high jump champion, Alice Coachman, racked up "victory number one" this week when she wound up her four-year college study by receiving the bachelor of science degree from the Albany State College.

The degree was conferred upon the perennially victorious athlete and 110 other seniors by Dr. Aaron Brown, president of the institution. This summer's exercises, held in Caroline Hall on Friday evening witnessed the largest graduating class in the history of the Albany State College. Dr. Melvin Dow Kennedy, Morehouse College professor, delivered the principal address.

RECEIVES RECOGNITION—A group of the founder-sponsors of Circle Athletic Club, first interracial athletic organization to be recognized by the AAU in Southern California. The organization entered a ten-man team in the national AAU track and field championships in Fresno and finished in fifth place in the junior competition. Left to right, front row, Drs. J. P. Taylor, Jere Web, W. W. Davis and Griffin. Rear row: Coach Estel Johnson, assistant coach Bert Watson and Dr. Welles E. Forde.—McLain Photo.

Rapid Strides Made By Athletes On All Fronts

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Louis Retirement; Showing Of Jackie Robinson, Don Newcombe And Roy Campanella In Majors Top Events

By Cal Jacox

NORFOLK—Rapid strides were made in nearly all of the fields of sports during the past year by athletes on the national and local front it was revealed at the conclusion of the Journal and Guide's annual sport summary of top events of 1949.

Tennis produced several outstanding new personalities; football saw more and more colored athletes becoming completely integrated in play in all parts of the nation; such athletes as Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella and Don Newcombe enjoyed their best year in baseball. Others such as Hank Thompson and Monte Irvin of the New York Giants; Sammy Jethroe and Dan Bankhead of the Montreal Royals; Art Wilson of the Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast League; Bob Thurman and Earl Tabron of the Newark Bear of the International League; Jim Pendleton of St. Paul and Dave Barnhill and Ray Dandridge of Minneapolis of the American Association; Luke Easter of the San Diego Padres and many others turned in top notch performances; In boxing the retirement of Joe Louis, the subsequent winning of the vacated title by Cincinnati's Ezzard Charles and the formation of the International Boxing Club with the retired champ holding a key post in the new setup were the top events.

On the basketball front, West Virginia State became the first colored aggregation to meet major collegiate teams on the court. In track Eddie Hurt's Morgan State College squad stole the spotlight and all down the line from week to week and month to month hundreds of athletes more than held their own wherever competition was held. Throughout the year the outstanding events in sports were recorded thus:

JANUARY

The new year began with Jersey Joe Walcott being named as the number one challenger to heavyweight champion Joe Louis as the NBA released its yearly ratings of boxing titleholders and leading contenders.

In football, Kentucky State conquered A. and T. 23-13 in the Vulcan Bowl and Wilberforce edged Prairie View, 6-0 in Houston's Prairie View Bowl. . . Rumors that William "Big Bill" Bell, A. and T. grid coach, would resign as mentor at the Greensboro institution were decisively squelched by his signing of a new three year contract.

In track, Dave Albritton and Bill Mathis sparkled in the National AAU meet. Harrison Dillard was named '48 comeback king by the Associated Press.

In Virginia, Norfolk's Booker T. Washington High School grabbed its fourth straight victory on the road to the state title and an all out assault on bias in Bowling was launched by the organizations and leading figures in the sport.

FEBRUARY

February was ushered in by the signing of Monte Irvin and Ford Smith by the New York Giants baseball club. . . Kid Gavilan upset lightweight champ Ike Williams in a non-title bout in New York's Madison Square Garden and West Virginia State college's basketball team embarked on its tour of the West Coast.

In other outstanding events during the month, Hank Thompson joined Irvin and Smith as a member of the Giants organization. . . J. M. Moore was named to head the Negro American Association baseball loop. . Willie Pep regained the featherweight title by outpointing Sandy Saddler in a bruising bout. . . Harrison Dillard and Dave Bolen equaled records in the AAU Championship meet. . West Virginia ends tour of West Coast with three losses and one victory.

The month was climaxed with Tennessee State's basketball team recording its 20th straight victory and the sale of first sacker Lenny Pearson of the Houston Eagles of the Negro American League to the Baltimore Elite Giants.

MARCH

On the boxing front, the biggest news of the month was the announcement of his retirement by heavyweight champion Joe Louis. The announcement startled the sports world and ended Louis' 12-year reign as king of the squared circle. At the same time the champ announced that he would become boxing director for the newly formed International Boxing club and revealed that he had arranged for a bout between Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott in which the winner would be recognized as his successor.

The bomber's retirement unloosed a mountain of speculation and loosed a war between the National Boxing Association and the IBC in determining a boxer to fill the vacated Louis throne.

In basketball, Fayetteville State Teachers College captured the EIAC tournament title N. C College and West Virginia State College copped the CIAA league and tourney crowns. Booker Washington High of Norfolk garnered the VIAL Eastern District and Virginia State cage championship and Tennessee State claimed the national cage title by ending its season undefeated in 24 games. Morris Brown captured the SIAC bauble by edging Tuskegee in the finals of the annual tournament.

In tennis, Dr. Reginald Weir and Althea Gibson advanced to the quarter-finals of the Eastern Indoor Championship tournament. Their presence marked the first time that colored netters participated in the event.

In track, Mal Whitfield, Harrison Dillard and Bill Mathis continued to turn in sterling performances by grabbing honors in the Knights of Columbia Track Carnival.

APRIL

The performances of Dr. Weir and Miss Gibson in the United States Lawn Tennis Association's championship tournament highlighted tennis during the month. Both made credible showings in the meet-Dr. Weir advancing to the third round before being eliminated by national amateur champ, Richard "Pancho" Gonzales and Miss Gibson reaching the quarterfinals before going down. . . George Stewart captured the Florida A. and M. Invitational Tournament title.

The exodus of players to southern training camps usnered in the baseball season. Among the players reporting were Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Larry Doby, Hank Thompson and Satchell Paige in the majors and Monte Irvin, Gene Collins, Ford Smith, Jim Pendleton, Art Wilson, John Ritchey and Frank Austin in the minors.

In the pugilistic field, Kid Gavilan decisioned Ike Williams for the second time in three bouts. . . Howard University's boxers and Hampton Institute's wrestlers were crowned CIAA champions. . . Jersey Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles signed for a title bout and Joe Louis made his debut as a promoter.

Other top notch events of the month were the naming of Levi Jackson as captain of the Yale football team, the brilliant play of Irvin, Austin and Don Newcombe in the International League openers and the work of the Morgan relay team which set a record in the Seton Hall meet.

MAY

Brooklyn's Dodgers got off to a good start in the National League pennant race as Roy Campanella unleashed a teriffic hitting streak that raised his batting average to .471 before tappering off. . . The Cleveland Indians with Larry Doby in a batting slump got off to a bad start in the American League pennant race. Don Newcombe shines in the International League with four straight victories including two shutouts.

At the Penn Relays a Wayne University foursome of colored athletes captured the 440 and 880 yard relays. Mal Whitfield won the two mile race and the Howard University team copped the mile relay event.

Mike Jacobs, boxing's greatest promoter, announced his retirement and Joe Louis was immediately seen as his successor. The champ had got off to a good start as a promoter by attracting 10,000 Detroit fans to an IBC promoted fight card.

The top news of the month, however, was the resignation of Harry "Big Jeff" Jefferson as football coach at Virginia State College after 15 years and his acceptance of the coaching post at Hampton Institute. The Jefferson move touched off several changes in the CIAA coaching fraternity later in the year.

As the month faded, Jackie Robinson snapped an early season batting slump and hit safely in ten straight games. . . Mal Whitfield registered a double victory in the Big Ten Meet. . . And Howard University captured the 25th annual CIAA tennis tourney.

JUNE

June was a prolific month for outstanding happenings. During the month Don Newcombe was called up to the majors by the Brooklyn Dodger management and hurled a five hit shutout in his initial starting assignment. . . Jackie Robinson and Don Newcombe were chosen to the National League All-Star team. . . Ray Dandridge and Dave Barnhill were signed by the N. Y. Giants and Luke Easter paced the Pacific Coast League batters in baseball.

The appointment of Sylvester "Sal" Hall as coach at Virginia State College and the resignation of Chester Stackhouse as coach at Lincoln University continued the new moves and counter moves in the gridiron field. Hall was coach at Washington, D. C.'s Cardoza High School where he compiled one of the greatest high school coaching records in the history of the game. Stackhouse moved from Lincoln to Willimette University in Oregon.

On the boxing scene, Ezzard Charles decisioned Jersey Joe Walcott for the NBA version of the heavyweight boxing title. . . His victory touched off a wave of criticism and the new champ was not recognized by several states.

JULY

In this month, the halfway mark of the baseball season was reached. Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby, Don Newcombe and Roy Campanella participated in the annual National-American League All-Star game with Newcombe being charged with the 11-7 loss suffered by the senior loop. . . Monte Irvin and Hank Thompson were called to the parent New York Giants from Jersey City in the International League where both had been playing outstanding ball.

Larry Doby was charged with the boner of the year when he was fined by Cleveland manager, Lou Boudreau for attempting to steal home against the Washington Senators The unsuccessful attempt killed a budding Indian rally in a crucial tilt.

In gold, Teddy Rhodes, Howard Wheeler and others were taking to the tournament trail. Rhodes played in the "Tam O'Shanter" tourney in Chicago, the Los Angeles Open and several other of the country's leading tournaments.

Here in Norfolk, Ralph Alexander shot a 12 under par 268 to capture the Journal and Guide's annual open golf tournament. The win was the second consecutive victory for the Charlotte, N. C. golfer for he won the Guide sponsored Virginia-Carolina tournament by an identical score in '48.

Andy Stanfield tied the AAU 100 meter record and Morgan's crack relay team finished third in the National AAU meet held in Fresno, Calif., to set the pace in track.

In boxing Ray Robinson and

Ike Williams continued to lead the way. Robinson whipped Kid Gavilan in a sparkling battle to retain his welterweight crown and Williams stopped Enrique Bolanos in the fourth round to retain his lightweight title.

The fight to end bias in bowling gained momentum as leading personalities all over the country raised their voices in protest.

AUGUST

In the CIAA, the schools who lost coaches in the wholesale changeovers earlier in the year continued to sign new mentors. At Lincoln (Pa.) Irvin "Moon" Mondschein was named to succeed Chester Stackhouse.

Andy Stanfield and Mal Whitfield sparked U. S. trackmen to victory over Scandinavian cindermen as the group launches tour of Europe.

Newly crowned heavyweight champion, Ezzard Charles scored a seven round TKO over Gus Lesnevich in the first defense of his NBA title . . Jersey Joe Walcott journeyed to Stockholm, Sweden and halted Swedish champ Olle Tandber in the fifth round of a scheduled 10 round bout. . . Bill Matney was named to the Michigan Boxing Board.

Oscar Johnson, a young newcomer, was stealing the spotlight in tennis. The youth was sweeping all of the principal tourney's in New York and New Jersey and was counted as a dark horse in the coming ATA Tournament. . . Jane Cooley cops Girls' title in N. Y. tourney and George Stewart wins Washington, D. C.'s Capitol open championship.

In baseball, the East defeated the West, 4-0 in the Negro American League's annual East-West game as their hurlers tossed two hit ball. . . Don Newcombe registered his 11th victory since joining the Brooks in early June. . . Dan Bankhead recorded his 14th victory in the International League.

SEPTEMBER

The American Tennis Association annual tournament was held early in the month and Oscar Johnson upset heavily favored George Stewart. . . Althea Gibson captures the women's singles; Stewart and Dr. Hubert Eaton won the doubles championship.

On other fronts, Luke Easter joins Cleveland Indians and experiences difficulty in hitting major league pitching. He came to the Indians with a record of slamming 25 homers for the San Diego Padres in the Pacific Coast League. . . Sam Jethroe steals 75th base to break International League record.

Kid Gavilan outpoints young Rocky Castellani in a bruising bout in which the challenger came back strong after two knockdowns to fight a tough battle. . . Sugar Ray Robinson scores a seven round KO over Steve Belloise.

Football breaks in with Shaw taking Hampton, 13-7 in Norfolk's annual Fish Bowl Classic as 12,000 fans look on. . . West Virginia State, CIAA champions, open defense of title with 12-6 win over Virginia Union University.

OCTOBER

October is the month of baseball's World Series. The Brooklyn Dodgers staggered under the wire to cop the pennant in the National League and the New York Yankees took the American League crown by a wide margin. . . In the series the Brooks, with Don Newcombe hurling brilliantly, put up a gallant fight before yielding to the Yankees four games to one. . . . Roy Campanella, at the conclusion of the series was hailed as baseball's top catcher by leading baseball writers. Jackie Robinson played steady ball in classic, Newcombe wins praise as outstanding pitcher.

Football gains momentum. est Virginia State, Morgan, . . and T., set early pace. . . Va. State upsets Shaw, 23-14. St. Augustine's holds West Virginia State to a surprising 2-0 victory. Hampton nips Va. State, 27-21.

In boxing, Ezzard Charles stops Pat Valentino in the eighth round of their 15 round title bout. . . Lester Felton gains an unpopular 10 round decision over Kid Gavilan in a Detroit bout. Gavilan then tops Beau Jack, who fought a brusing battle in a great comeback try, before going down to defeat.

NOVEMBER

As the gridiron season entered its final stages, Morgan State and West Virginia continued to roll on unbeaten. The Yellowjackets barely remaining among the select set when a brilliant rally by Va. State's Trojans deadlocked the Cardwellmen, 27-27. . . Hampton downed Tuskegee in the National Classic. West Virginia defeated N. C. College in the Capitol Classic in a tilt witnessed by 30,000 fans, the largest crowd ever to a colored collegiate tilt.

On Thanksgiving Day, Morgan crushes Va. State, 34-7 to end the season unbeated, untied. . . West Virginia concludes season unbeaten, but tied. . . Unbeaten Norfolk State clinches EIAC grid championship with a 7-6 win over Elizabeth City State Teachers College. Md. State finishes season undefeated and star back, Sylvester "Swifty" Polk grabs nation's top scoring honors by registering 129 points in eight games.

On other fronts, Lester Felton rallies to defeat Ross Virgo following his disputed bout with Kid Gavilan. . . Ollie Matson, Woody Lewis and Chet Daniels were named to the INS All-Pacific Coast eleven. . . Marion Motley, Buddy Young, Emlen Tunnell, George Taliaferro and others wind up brilliant seasons in pro ball. . . Fred "Cannonball" Cooper completes first year with Richmond Rebels and is named to the loop's All-Star team.

DECEMBER

The year drew to a close with baseball writers selecting Brooklyn's Don Newcombe as "Rookie of the Year" in the National League and naming Jackie Robinson as the National League's "Most Valuable Player." Robinson climaxed his most brilliant year in baseball by being officially declared batting champ with an average of .342.

The CIAA held its annual meeting and voted down a proposal to sub-divide the conference, fined four teams for failing to follow standards of the league while participating in track and boxing and declared Morgan State College football champions; N. C. College and West Virginia, visitation and tournament basketball champs; Howard University boxing, soccer, tennis and baseball champions; and Morgan track champions.

Highlighting other fields were victories by Sandy Saddler and Ike Williams in boxing. . . The naming of Emlen Tunnell to the INS All-Pro eleven. . . A. and T.'s 20-14 win over Florida A. and M. in the Orange Blossom Classic, the awarding of the Neil Boxing Plaque to Ezzard Charles and several trophies to Jackie Robinson.

In the WAKE of the NEWS

BY ARCH WARD

CHARLES FONVILLE, Michigan's great shot put star, is on the comeback trail following correction of a spinal condition. . . . Fonville is working out with the Wolverine track squad each day, but says it is too early to determine just how close he can come to his former peak. . . . Buddy Young and Earl Banks, partners in a south side dry cleaning enterprise, also have entered a team in the Midwest Basketball association. . . . Johnny Lujack of the Bears, almost as skilled as an orator as a forward passer, declares Jesse Owens, the former track star, is the finest after dinner speaker Johnny has heard in the numerous—and they have been numerous—banquets he has attended since first attaining stardom at Notre Dame. . . . Tropical Park needs an average daily mutuel handle of almost $400,000 to break even. . . . Thus far, the track has averaged about $340,000. . . . However, Gerald Brady, director of racing at the Coral Gables, Fla., plant, predicts the 41 day meeting will wind up without the track using any red ink—or making much profit. . . . Brady points out that the meet generally gets off to a slow start, then picks up after the Christmas holidays when more affluent visitors arrive in the land of sunshine. . . . Tropical's meeting closes on Jan. 16, after which the thorobreds move to Hialeah. . . . Operating costs at Tropical run around $34,000 daily. . . . Look for Bob Wilson, captain of the University of Wisconsin football team and winner of THE TRIBUNE's most valuable player award, to sign a baseball contract with the Cubs, White Sox or Tigers, after the Badger nine completes its season. . . . Wilson wants to pass up pro football. . . . He is a good baseball catcher and fine hitter.

Buddy Young

Carl [Swish] Sawatski, the Nashville Vols' home run slugger whom the Cubs hope will develop into another Hack Wilson, has lost 14 pounds via a diet prescribed by the Chicago front office. . . . Sawatski will bid for a catching berth when the north siders report for spring training. . . . Two Vanderbilt university football players, Lee Nalley and Bud Curtis, rank so high scholastically that they hold part time teaching jobs in Nashville prep schools. . . . Nalley is a physics and geometry instructor while Curtis teaches chemistry. . . . Charley Peters, Indiana university's Big Ten 100 and 220 yard dash champion [via Blue Island, Ill.], never has jumped the starter's gun in 10 years of grade, high school and college running. . . . Peters, who lists the Penn and Drake relays 100 yard crowns among his imposing list of honors, says that trying to gain a tiny fraction of a second on the starter would cost him more bad starts than he'd gain. . . . Before Arkansas signed Otis Douglas as head football coach, alumni sent feelers to Len Casanova, who is doing a fine job at Santa Clara.

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Sports

by Dan Burley

MARYLAND STATE VS. DARTMOUTH

Maryland State College down at Princess Anne, Md., is moving into the limelight also in basketball, following a terrific first year football season in which its team went undefeated. The Marylanders are scheduled to take on Dartmouth College, Jan. 11, at Hanover, N. H. This will mark the first time an all-Negro college basketball club has been scheduled by a member of the famed Ivy League. Aside from setting a precedent, the game will also set the stage for future big time college contests with Maryland. Turned down by the CIAA, the Maryland crew is all out to crash "in" somewhere and where would there be a better point of entry than into the picture as an opposing element for some of the better known white colleges and universities?

Negroes' Play To Be Talked

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 16 (AP).—Border Conference officials are expected to discuss participation of Negroes in college athletics when the officials meet at El Paso Saturday.

Texas members of the conference do not permit Negroes to compete.

"University of Arizona, in particular, has raised the problem of Negro participation in athletics," said C. Z. Lesher of Tucson, conference secretary-treasurer.

Lesher said the discussion will not be with the idea of taking formal action.

The official said Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene is expected to ask a rehearing on the eligibility of its star basketball player, J. C. Stagner.

Photo by Skeets Meadors

DERBY-MINDED Trainer Raymond White, who has had four Derby horses in the past, is shown with his candidate for the Diamond Jubilee Derby, Bel King, a son of King Cole—Comely Mine. Bel King is owned by William Buffa of Kansas City. White says he hasn't come close in the Derby "but you can't hang a man for trying, can you?" Bel King will run Tuesday at Keeneland.

Howard Wins CIAA Swim Title

Howard University won the CIAA swimming and diving championships for men yesterday at Howard, with 49 points, Hampton Institute scored 37, Tennessee A. and I 35, and West Virginia State 7. Terrence Garmon, acting captain of the Howard squad, was high point man with 12 points and was awarded the tournament trophy as outstanding performer.

Lincoln Alumni Approves Interracial Sports Cards

LINCOLN, Pa.—The policy of Lincoln University with respect to interracial games and participation in the Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association was explained to the executive committee of the Lincoln Alumni Association at a recent meeting in Philadelphia by President Horace Mann Bond and Coach Chester R. Stackhouse. The policy was unanimously endorsed by the executive committee.

President Bond and Coach Stackhouse told the alumni that Lincoln proposes to continue to play the number of games in the CIAA necessary to qualify for association championship rating and at the same time to play the nearby teams in Pennsylvania and adjacent territory.

Since Lincoln did not play enough games in the CIAA in basketball to qualify for the tournament, there has been a great deal of speculation about the future of Lincoln in the Association. Coach Stackhouse explained that Lincoln played nine games in association competition and would have played more if they could have been scheduled. However, in order to play the Pennsylvania teams it was necessary to make out a part of the Lincoln schedule much earlier in the season than the CIAA teams usually make theirs.

At the CIAA December meeting Stackhouse was able to schedule only nine games. The additional three games would have been possible only by making two separate trips to North Carolina. Since the cost in time and money were prohibitive, Lincoln had to forego the additional games.

In playing the nearby colleges, all white schools, Lincoln hopes to serve a two-fold purpose. Since these schools are near, the cost of travel is low and thus Lincoln will be able to live within a reasonable athletic budget. In addition, it is hoped that these interracial contacts in functional situations will make a contribution to inter-group understanding.

Henderson's Comment

New Advances Being Made In U. S. Sports

By EDWIN B. HENDERSON
For the NNPA News Service

AMERICAN COLORED boys have come a long way along the athletic road. Every few days one reads of new advances. Either the New York Yankees sign a colored player or the debate favors Jackie Robinson et al playing in Atlanta.

There was a day when the colored athlete fared hard. The late Ed Gray, who in his first year at Amherst, made Walter Camp's third All-American, used to tell how opposing linesmen besides calling him a black so-and-so would taunt him with the epithet, N----- at every chance, hoping to get him to resent the insult with a blow and banishment from the game. But Ed did not crack and finished the season in glorious style for Amherst.

John Pinkett, noted Washington realtor, also played on the Amherst team and was selected as the best center in New England and second best in the nation. But his career was not easy sailing. After being out one day, the coach told John he must hand in his suit since some of the members of the squad did not want to play with a colored boy on the squad. He was given a day to think it over. He did, and decided to stick with the team and force the issue. He won the battle for other colored boys to follow.

POLLARD TAUNTED

Nor were the spectators as tolerant as we find them today. When Fritz Pollard at Brown was the star of the New England gridiron performers, ... nothing unusual to hear whole sections of stands yelling in unison, "Give it to the Coon" just to see him carry the ball.

When Sol Butler entered the Olympic Broad Jump in the games in New Orleans during the early part of the century, his jump had to be made in a special pit in a back yard of a friend away from the games. Major Taylor, the world's fastest bicycle rides of several decades ago, could only enter the road races in Indiana by starting in the woods far back of the starting line and racing through to catch the pack. Several of the American riders followed him all over the world trying to win from him by every crooked device know to the professional riders.

Today, however, we find great changes for the better. Colored boys are proving among the best athletes in the world. In boxing—amateur and pro—in all the track distances short of the miles. In football on college and pro teams, the colored boys are advancing rapidly. One writer on the Pacific Coast, recently said the colored boys are running the white boys out of the boxing game. Go into any amateur tournament where colored and white boys are entered and you find many a white boy forfeits rather than meet some colored performer. It won't be long before our boys will be crowding many a mediocre white boy off the gridiron or diamond to the bench. Just as Dillard is king of hurdles and Fonville of the shot putters, as soon as more of our boys get into the hands of a good coach of pole vaulting or distance running, we will have same new champions.

Is this a sign that vigor-vim-vitality is being bred out of white boys? Or is it that our colored athletes are just more biologically selected. Negroes in America were brought over as healthy prize chattel from the slave pens of Africa.

They were bred by white men and selected Negroes were used to sire strong offsprings. Only the strong and healthy brought fancy prices on the slave mart. Then for years of most strenuous muscle and vitality developing service helped make the American Negro the most vigorous in America. Hitler marvelled at America's "Black Auxilliaries."

When by normal migration or by Senator Russell's transfer of Negroes from the South, they begin to walk about in the land of the free, this writer predicts colored athletes will excel in every field of contest far beyond their relative population ratio on the American scene.

Wendell Smith's Sports Beat

King Charles Awaits Lesnevich . . .

Now that he has been signed to fight Ezzard Charles, the new king of the heavyweights, for a title bout next month in New York, Gus Lesnevich probably realizes that the world is round and turns perpetually.

Just one year ago Lesnevich turned up his beezer when they tried to match him for a light-heavyweight title bout with Charles. At that time, Gus was the champion of the division and Charles the leading contender. The only logical title bout was between Lesnevich and Ezzard. But rather than give the Cincinnati clipper a crack at the crown, the light heavyweight king packed up and journeyed to foreign soil.

He went to England and put his treasured title on the block against Freddy Mills, a run-of-the-mine fighter. Lesnevich assumed that the fight with Mills would be easy. The Englishman was a cumbersome, erratic fighter, not too well schooled in the fundamentals of boxing.

So Gus figured on having a nice vacation, picking up a pile of English pounds and returning to America with his title still intact.

But it didn't happen that way. We were there when it happened. Mills gave Gus a sound lacing and became the champion. After seeing that battle we were convinced Lesnevich probably knew what he was doing. He let a raw, crude, unimaginative fighter wrestle his title away from him. Obviously he had gone back considerably. He figured he'd have a better chance against the rugged Englishman than Ezzard. The Courier, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Charles Isn't Running Away From Gus

But he didn't have a chance against the Britisher that night. He lost by a unanimous decision. On that particular night Charles would have knocked him out. Maybe Gus played it smart, after all. Sat. 7-16-49

Now Lesnevich is back home and the guy he snubbed is going to give him the greatest chance any fighter ever gets—the opportunity to become heavyweight champion of the world. Charles could have very easily ignored Lesnevich as a heavyweight contender. Two months ago Joey Maxim deflated Gus in Cincinnati. Charles has deflated and punctured Maxim three times.

When Ezzard won the title last month, however, he promised he'd be a fighting champion. That is why, no doubt, he has agreed to give Gus a chance. By all fair measurements, Charles should have been granted the same privilege when he was campaigning as a light-heavyweight. Lesnevich gave him the run around and took off for England when they put Charles at the top of the heap.

It doesn't make much difference now, however. Ezzard's scaled the highest ladder in the fight game. He's the champion of all the champions. But we imagine there's still a touchy spot in his heart when he thinks about Lesnevich fleeing to England last year and giving the crown to someone else. He relished the idea of being both the light heavyweight and heavyweight champion at the same time. No one, as we recall, ever held both titles simultaneously.

But, anyway, Ezzard isn't peeved to the point where he'll give Lesnevich the run-around. He's going to fight Gus and give him the big chance of big chances. That makes Ezzard a nice guy with all of us. It shows he's bigger and perhaps braver than his opponent.

Then, too, Charles probably wants to pay Lesnevich back for running out on him. What better way than to blast Gus' ears off inside the ropes? What better way, especially when you get paid for it, too?

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Irvin's a Giant and Doby's Happy . . .

When the New York Giants called up Monty Irvin and Henry Thompson from their Jersey City farm club, Larry Doby probably jumped for joy when he heard the good news. He was especially happy over the elevation of Irvin, his old pal.

Doby and Irvin were teammates and inseparable pals when they played for the Newark Eagles in the now defunct Negro National League. They followed each other in the batting order and followed one another around when the games were over. They both dreamed of getting to the majors some day.

Doby got his break first. Cleveland purchased him and he was in. But Irvin's progress was slower. He had difficulty adjusting himself to civilian life after the war. He came back to play ball, but he just couldn't seem to get going. That worried Larry.

Not long after Doby had joined the Indians we had a talk with him about Monty. "He's a great ball player," Larry said, "but he hasn't recovered from the war yet. He's a very sensitive person and the war seems to have affected him. If he ever gets back to normal, mentally and physically, I'll bet you anything Monty will get to the big leagues and make good."

The past winter the Giants signed Irvin and Thompson. They sent both to Jersey City and they performed creditably. Irvin, in fact, was leading the league in hitting when the Giants called him up to the big tent. From all indications he's completely recovered from the war jitters and is ready to explode.

All of which makes Larry Doby very happy. He's in the big leagues and so's his old crony, Monty Irvin.

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The Sports World Merry-Go-Round . . .

The Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast League have purchased the contract of pitcher Wilmer Fields of the Homestead Grays, but for some strange reason he refuses to report and the deal will probably fall through . . . Best drawing Negro baseball club in the country right now is the Harlem Globetrotters. They're playing to record crowds nightly in the Northwest . . . The Cleveland Browns' efforts to lure Buddy Young away from the New York football Yankees have exploded. The Yanks yelled "NO" with a capital "H" . . . Joe Louis will open another automobile school in Chicago for GIs. The first school is over-crowded and one of the most successful in the country . . . Jesse Owens, doing an excellent job of public relations for the Leo Rose Clothing Company of Chicago, is also official announcer for Negro American League games at Comiskey Park.

Thomas Daily of Baton Rouge, La. wants our selection of the greatest all-around Negro athlete of all time. We'll pick Jackie Robinson. He's been tops in baseball, football, basketball . . . outstanding in tennis, golf and track. If you have a better all-around athlete let us hear from you . . . Grambling College is planning a more extensive athletic program. It stars off with a football bang in the fall . . . The Southern Conference has ruled that all members must have full-fledged baseball teams next spring and play a complete schedule. Hurrah! . . . Jake Gaither is developing the swankiest setup for the National Tennis Tournament in the history of the event at Wilberforce. It comes off next month . . . The Kansas City Monarchs have the youngest and fastest team in Negro baseball. That's why big league scouts follow the team like bloodhounds sniffing for an escaped convict.

Highlight of the evening was the introduction of Davis to the from Amsterdam, Holland, where he had retained his crown during popular heavyweight American meet that brough together the boxer, Aaron Wilson, ex-GI, now champions of various living in France. Wilson is manweights, led the parade of inter-aged by Jimmy English, another weight lifters into the ex-GI, and has never fought in the national weight lifters carried the American flag USA. Last December he whipped hall and carried the heavyweight champion of on high the France.

"I may not be on top of the heap until I am forty," he told reporters, but I'll certainly be able to compete with the best for the next fifteen years."

Hhe world heavyweight champion, revealed that he is in school and working at a part-time job as laboratory technician in New York. Keeping in training, he said, doesn't leave him time to devote himself to anything else on a full-time basis. Lifting weights is his career.

There are three different ways by which weightlifting is judged according to Davis: press, snatch, clean and jerk. And nobody comes anywhere close to Davis in any of them.

His best lifts are as follows: press, 335 pounds; snatch, 317 pounds; and clean and jerk, 391 pounds.

John Davis, Weight-Lifting Champ, Holds World Title

By OLLIE STEWART

PARIS — John Davis, New York City, world champion weight-lifter, chewed gum, smiled and gave an exhibition of his prowess here Tuesday night at the Elysee-Montmartre Sporting Club that drew tremendous applause from more than 1000 spectators.

'Surpassed Olympic Feat,' Says Girl Athlete; Levi Picks Election

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Jackie Robinson Cites Hub Incident; Role With Bums Thrills Campanella

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

In all probability it was Alice Coachman's experience of being presented to President Truman that topped all the "thrills" of 1948 for tan Amercian athletes, a collection of which was made by the AFRO during the early days of the New Year.

Answering the writer's quiz, the comely Albany State College (Ga.) star said winning the Olympic high jump championship was a big thing in her life, but "greatest of all" was her visit to the White House and presentation before the President of the United States.

Others who related their top thrills and incidents that will stand out longest in their memory of 1948, were: Jackie Robinson, second baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers; Roy Campanella, catcher of the Dodgers; Levi Jackson, Yale University football captain-elect; Bill Spiller, outstanding golfer, Sandy Saddler, world featherweight champion, among others.

Miss ALICE COACHMAN

Coachman Talks

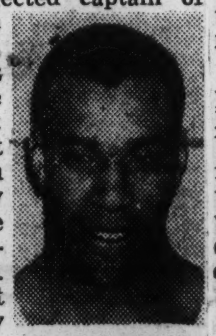
"Capturing the world's high jump crown at the London Olympics was a tremendous thrill, there is no getting away from that, declared Coachman. Visiting England's famed Buckingham Palace also brought a unique pleasure. Sat. 1-15-49

"But the greatest of all thrills was my visit to the White House and being received by President Truman. I felt good for my family, for my Albany, Ga., home, for my school and for my fellow Americans who are privileged to live in this land of opportunity."

That Miss Coachman's experience probably gave her a greater lift than any which came to the other athletes, is a conclusion based on simple logic. The ex-Tuskegee all-around female champion was born and raised in a small Georgia community, where members of her race are treated with scorn by the other group. To meet the nation's leader and shake his hand might well have provided a memory she will carry to the death.

Mother Was Happy

Levi Jackson got his "kicks" out of being elected captain of the 1949 Yale football team. Said he in his reply to the writer's query: "The biggest thrill I got in 1948 was my election to the 1949 Yale football captaincy. The thing that made me so very happy was the tremendous kick my family got out of it. I can remember when I was a kid, my mother kept telling me that some day I would go to Yale. I never thought much about it until I found I had a chance. Sat. 1-15-49

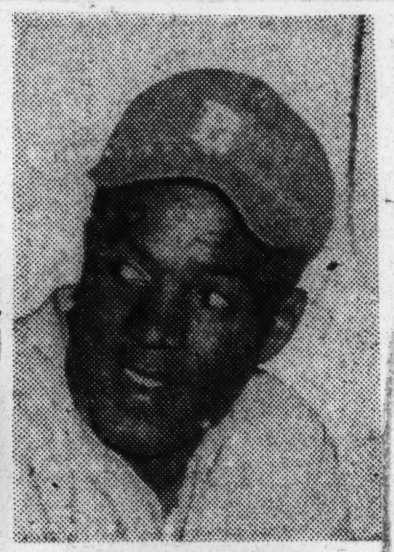


Levi Jackson

"Then I gave it all I had, just for her. Just seeing my mother happy over my election gave me the biggest thrill of my life, let alone one year of 1948."

Pee Wee's Act

"I had a number of big thrills," asserted Jackie Robinson, "especially when I realized that as each day passed I was proving that I had escaped the so-called second-year jinx which so many sports-writers had predicted for me.



JACKIE ROBINSON

"But I feel safe in saying that an incident which was generally overlooked, or went unnoticed, by the press, was my year's most pleasant memory. We had gone into Boston for the first game of the National League season in Braves Field. It was just after I had been shifted to second base and, therefore, the first time Pee Wee Reese (who is from Kentucky) had been required to play next to me.

Obviously aware of this, and planning to capitalize on it, the Boston bench started razzing Pee Wee the moment we went onto the field for infield practice. Reese, undoubtedly conscious of what was going on, deliberately walked over to me and started an aimless conversation.

According to Catcher Roy Campanella, it was for the benefit of the Boston bench and the Braves players evidently realized it, too. For they immediately shut up. It made me feel wonderful."

Campy Against Cards

According to Campanella, it was his installation into the lineup in what was at the time, the most crucial series or the 1948 season for the Dodgers, that topped his year's recollections.

"Hitting ten home-runs in my first two week with the Brooklyn farm club at St. Paul meant an awful lot to me," said Campy. "But I guess I can't get away from the fact that I felt better about being called on to catch four straight games against the St. Louis Cardinals than about anything else that happen to me in 1948. Sat. 1-15-49

Roy Campanella

"At the time we were in a hot battle with Cards for first place and it was at the end of that series that we climaxed our drive from the cellar and went into the league lead. That I was thought good enough to catch the entire series against the Cards, and on the road at that, was tops in my book of thrills."

AFRO Poll Thrills Dillard

Harrison Dillard, world's Olympic sprint champion, admitted being chosen as the No. 1 Athlete of the Year in the recent AFRO poll, was "a genuine thrill." But, as would be expected, it was his triumph in the Olympic Games that topped his '48 memoirs.

"I thought I was done a distinct honor in the AFRO poll, and I felt a genuine thrill as a result of it, but certainly the title I won over the world's finest athletes at London will stand out in my memory forever. I can think of nothing better than could have happened to me, unless it would be winning both the sprint and hurdles championships."

H. Dillard

Ralph Metcalfe on Illinois Board

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Ex-Olympic Athlete Named Boxing Solon

CHICAGO—(ANP)—Ralph Metcalfe, famous track athlete of the early 30's was selected by Gov. Adlai Stevenson last week to serve on the three man Illinois Athletic commission.

He was picked along with Joe Triner, chairman, and Louis R. Radzienda, to this commission which controls boxing activities in Illinois. He is the first colored to serve on this commission in the state's history.

Metcalfe gained fame as a sprint star at Tilden Tech High in Chicago, and at Marquette University

RALPH METCALFE

and in the 1932 and 1936 Olympics games. He is director of civil rights of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations.

During his track career, Metcalfe has held every sprint record from the 40 yard dash to the 220. Many of his records still stand.

Ex-Olympic Star

Metcalfe, 39, was born in Atlanta, Ga. While in high school, he won the national intercollegiate sprint championship in 1929. While at Marquette he won the national collegiate championships in the 100 and 220-yard dashes in 1932, 1933, and 1934.

In the 1932, Olympics he was second in the 100 meter dash and third in the 200 meter. He was second again in the 1936 Olympics and was a member of the 400-meter relay squad that set the still standing record for that event.

He was captain of the Marquette track team in 1934. He earned his bachelor's degree at Marquette and his master's at the University of Southern California.

He will earn a salary of $4,800 year in his new position.

Ralph Metcalfe Appointed to Illinois Athletic Commission

Ralph Metcalfe, former United States Olympic champion, was chosen as a member of the Illinois Athletic Commission last week. He was appointed by Governor Adlai Stevenson, along with Lou Radzienda and Joe Triner. Metcalfe at present is serving as director of Civil Rights on Mayor Kennelly's Commission on Human Relations. Metcalfe was developed into one of the Nation's fastest sprinters in 1932. He was captain of the Marquette track team in 1934. He competed in both the 1932 and 1936 Olympics and is co-holder of a number of sprint records.

They're Modern Paul Reveres

Pictured are the first three finishers in the Patriots' Day feature at Boston last week, known as the 53rd annual Boston Marthon and marking the anniversary of Paul Revere's historic ride.. Left to right, they are Louis White, first colored athlete to win a place in the event, who was third across the line; Karl Gosta Leandersson, of Sweden, winner, and Victor Dyr staff, of the Millrose A. A., runner-up. White represented the Boston A. A.

Fay SAYS

A Good Man Chosen

IN THE APPOINTMENT of Ralph H. Metcalfe, member of the United States Olympic teams of 1932 and 1936, Governor Adlai Stevenson has selected an outstanding personality to become the first Negro to serve on the Illinois State Athletic Commission. And in so doing the Illinois chief executive has kept his promise to the Negro voters..

Metcalfe

From our point of view, Governor Stevenson, in seeking a "name athlete" certainly did a grand job. Perhaps, as some will argue, Metcalfe doesn't know "a whole lot" about the boxing game. However, all will have to agree that any young man who has earned his bachelor's degree at Marquette University, where he was president of his graduating class in 1936, and who in 1939, received his master's degree in physical education at the University of Southern California, is in an excellent position to learn something about boxing.

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WHEN BOXING was legalized in Illinois back in 1925, we had been among those who had worked diligently for the passage of the bill in the state legislature. We were at the speakers' table at a dinner of boxing enthusiasts along with the late Walter H. Eckersall of the Chicago Tribune, Warren Brown of the Chicago Examiner, Promoter Jim Mullen, and others at the Stevens Hotel in 1924. Our guest was Edward H. Wright, first Negro to serve on the Illinois Commerce Commission, powerful political leader in the second and third wards and who acted as "spokesman for the late Governor Len Small." Mr. Wright promised his hearer that Governor Small would urge that the boxing bill become a law and that he would sign it. Mr. Wright was called on to represent the governor in the place of the late George F. Harding, county treasurer, and a Thompson leader. who made a short speech and left for another meeting.

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DESPITE ALL EFFORTS to give the Negro race representation on the Illinois Athletic Commission, Governor Small did not name any. Other governors did not see fit to name any. Governor Dwight H. Green, whom Governor Stevenson succeeded, was not asked to do so by his Negro advisor, Val J. Washington, who stated he would not ask Governor Green to appoint any Negro to any place never before held by them.

Governor Stevenson committed himself to the appointment of a Negro to the Commission if he was elected. He kept his promise. There were a number of Negro athletes and men, who have been boxing for years, mentioned. Some of these men never could have qualified. A few could. The governor was under terrific pressure. Whoever he selected must be (1) a man, although affiliated with either of the two major political parties, who was free of any political scandal, (2) one who would meet the approval of the voters, regardless as to race, creed or color, (3) one who was known to the white citizens of the state as well as to the Negroes.

There were a few who campaigned for the position. This time it happened to be a position which called the man.

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METCALFE, DIRECTOR OF Civil Rights division of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations of the city of Chicago, was appointed without any political backing. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the United World Federalist of Illinois, Inc., National Association of Intergroup Officials, the NAACP, the Urban League and the American Veterans Committee.

Born in Georgia on May 29, 1910, he came to Chicago at an early age. His outstanding track accomplishments will be reveiwed at a later date in our series of famous Negro athletes. He has broken every track record from the 40-yard dash to the 220 with the exception of the 125-yard record, which is held by Howard Drew and which was discontinued before Metcalfe's time.

Ralph has been a USO club director, a field consultant on the national staff of the National Catholic Community Services. He served as a lieutenant in the army and was presented with the Legion of Merit Award for program planning as "Segmental" athletic and recreational officer at Camp Planche, Louisiana.

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WE KNEW METCALFE as a student at Tilden Tech when he broke the world interscholastic 100-yard dash mark in 1930 and as a track star and captain at Marquette who won the 100-yard American dash championship at the Drake relays in Des Moines in 1932, 1933 and 1934 — tying the meet record in 1932 of 9.5 seconds and by winning in '34 becoming the first and only athlete to win that race three times at Drake.

We had a fine close friendship during his days at Xavier University in New Orleans where he was track coach and instructor in physical education from 1936 to 1942. He helped out considerably as one of the officials at the annual Tuskegee Relays during those years. We followed his work in the army and since his discharge.

We have always admired his gentlemanly qualities and his fine leadership in dealing with young men. Above all, he has been clean. He is reliable. He is a man of his word.

When we shook his hand a few minutes before his induction into his new position we said "Ralph, it is perhaps needless for me to say that you have, as you always have had, my fullest cooperation and best wishes. We have been friends and you and I know the word 'friendship' means much."

He said he appreciated it. Then we congratulated Joe Triner, the chairman of the commission, and Lou Radzienda of the C. Y. O. and the third member of the commission.

We moved over to chat with Mrs. Metcalfe, the former Madelyn Fay Young, daughter of Frank A. Young of Little Rock, Ark., and New Orleans and the former secretary to Dr. T. K. Lawless, world renowned skin specialist. Mrs. Metcalfe's father teamed with us in the national doubles of the American Tennis Association back in 1922. We reached the third round to be kicked out of the play by Dr. McGriff and Dr. Bowling of Virginia.

We have every reason to believe that Metcalfe's administration of his duties will be done in such a fashion that the governor and the entire citizenry will feel that Metcalfe's selection was a wise choice.

Yale's Levi Jackson Emphasizes Rise Of Negro In Sports World

NEW YORK. - Levi Alexander Jackson, captain of Yale University's 1949 football team, is the latest in the rapidly increasing number of American Negroes to achieve outstanding success in the world of sports. But like his renowned contemporaries Joe Louis and Jackie Robinson, he, too, had to cope with broad social challenge, says an article entitled "New Jackson At Yale", in the current issue of Look. These considered among that Levi will hold together. While Yale has considered of large eastern universities, it is not wholly devoid of sacrosancity. And, according to Look, the coming of the first Negro football player drew a few well-bred grimaces from alumni, students and officials. The reactionary rumbles grew louder when Jackson got elected captain of the Yale football squad and was tapped last May for Berze-

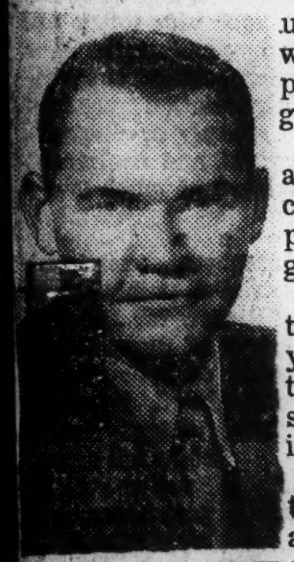
lius, senior honor society. These precedent shattering moves prompted some die hard Old Blues—and too-to harrumph and the thing to do at New Haven. Levi's reckless, high-knee-action running invites the leg injuries that have dogged him since high school days. Yet, he has lived adequately up to his advance billing at Yale. This year, coach Herman Hickman has his fingers crossed and hopes that Levi will hold together. Whether he does or not, Jackson, at Yale, has been a thorough

Vincent X. Flaherty—

Gibson Was One of Greatest Baseball Stars; Paige Was Great, But Josh Something Special

Just about 10 years ago at Griffith Stadium in Washington, I sat with Clark Griffith and Walter Johnson while the Homestead Grays, the Negro professional baseball team, was meeting, I believe, Kansas City.

The crowd wasn't a large one this day . . . something under 10,000 people, most of whom were Negroes. . . . Satchel Paige was pitching, and there was a great big guy behind the bat named Josh Gibson.



VINCENT X. FLAHERTY

Gibson, who died a couple of years ago, was a huge, muscular giant who could get down behind the plate and peg a bullet ball to second base without getting up.

His throws were always smack on the bag and he threw the ball so hard you got the impression it would go all the way to the centerfielder if the second baseman or shortstop didn't get in the way.

At bat, the man looked every bit the terrific hitter he actually was, just as you could look at a Rogers Hornsby or a Babe Ruth and know they were great hitters simply by the manner in which they waggled their bats.

When Gibson connected, he just naturally drove the ball out of the park, and he used to plaster a lot of out-of-the-park home runs in Griffith Stadium . . . which, in itself, was quite a feat, because Griffith Stadium has one of the largest playing fields in all of baseball.

So, this particular day as Gibson came to bat and proceeded to park one on the yonder side of the fence, Walter Johnson took a look at the big guy and told Clark Griffith it was a shame Josh couldn't be playing in the major leagues.

"There is a powerful lot of ballplayer, Griff," said Johnson. "If you could only get him you'd have one of the greatest ballplayers who ever lived."

ffith Excited by Thought

And Griffith, who was chewing on the ragged end of evitable cigar, seemed to get excited by the thought. There was a bright gleam in Griffith's eye as big Gibson lumbered around the bases and waved his cap at the crowds. But then the old boy returned to the world of reality and his jaw dropped a little and he lamented:

"What I wouldn't give if I could have that fellow playing for me!"

Paige was pitching one of his good games that day, and everybody conceded that Paige could pitch. Everybody knew he was good enough for major league baseball. But Gibson was the real guy. He made your eyes pop. Paige was great. But Gibson was special. He was something right out of this world as ballplayers go, and a lot of baseball people rated him right up there in Babe Ruth's class, and some even went so far as to say that here was one guy who might break Ruth's home run record, if given the chance.

That was purely a matter of conjecture, because there was only one Babe Ruth. Yet, Gibson was good enough to be considered in the same breath with Ruth, which was the ultimate compliment.

So I was thinking about old Josh Gibson the other day when I read about the current exchange of cross words between the Cleveland Indians and New York Yankees.

Bill Veeck, the president of the Indians, grabbed a plane and flew to Puerto Rico where he signed Artie Wilson, Negro shortstop and manager of the Mayaguez club of the Puerto Rican winter league.

Wilson, in that kind of baseball, is a .400 hitter and considered a hot prospect—but all of that is beside the point. . . .

The thing that got me was the fact that here were two major league ball clubs quarreling over the contract of a Negro player.

Wouldn't Have Hit Sports Pages

George Weiss, general manager of the New York Yankees, said Veeck had acted highly unethically in signing Wilson, because the Yankees had been negotiating with the player. Weiss went on to say that Veeck had grabbed his man and that he was going to go to Baseball Commissioner A. B. Chandler about it.

Only a few years ago such an item wouldn't have hit the sports pages, simply because it couldn't have happened. There was no rule barring Negroes from baseball. Major league clubs just didn't sign Negroes, and there wasn't any racial discrimination attached to it.

Outside of Paige and Gibson and two or three others, there wasn't a Negro player around good enough to have made the grade. Besides, signing a Negro player was unthinkable and nobody gave the idea much of a tumble until Branch Rickey signed up Jackie Robinson.

Probably the one thing that retarded the presence of the Negro in baseball was the campaigning of Negro groups which militantly visited the offices of major league magnates and demanded that Negroes be given a chance to play major league baseball.

But now that the gates are open and major league owners are searching for good Negro prospects, you can't help but think what a pity it was that old Josh Gibson didn't get a whack at it.

Josh was a big, good-natured and likable guy who would have been a tremendous hit in baseball. He had a big, toothy smile and a marvelously easy-going way about him. And, on top of it all. he was a truly wonderful ballplayer who might have made $100,000 a year.

Signing Every Star in Sight

Now that they're signing every worthwhile Negro star in sight, you're going to see a lot of Negroes in baseball—just as the advent of Henry Armstrong and Joe Louis brought on the present influx of Negro boxers.

Boxing had Negroes a long while back. Joe Gans came out of Baltimore and became a great fighter. And there was Joe Walcott, the Barbadoes Demon, and Jack Johnson.

But the impetus didn't really take hold until Armstrong and Louis arrived.

Then you saw Negro kids fooling around on street corners, shadow boxing and squaring off against one another. They started flocking to the gymnasiums so that now there are more Negroes in boxing than any other race.

With such players as Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Larry Doby, Satchel Paige and Artie Wilson in baseball, you'll see Negro youngsters taking up the game everywhere. And they'll turn out to be good players, too.

Baseball has had its racial cycles since its inception and each time the hard-working, laboring classes produced the stars.

First of all, there were the Irish, who almost monopolized baseball—sons of Irish immigrants who came to this country and became bricklayers.

Jose Santiago and Roy Welmaker.

Minoso, a third baseman from Havana, Cuba, was the rave of the training sessions. He is one of the big leaguers who may have to go back to the minors because Cleveland is running over with talent. Ken Keltner is the regular hot corner guardian and the main reason Minoso is ticketed for another year in the bushes.

After seeing Minoso sparkle at third base, Leo Durocher said: "I wish I had that Minoso. He can hit, field and run. I saw him in 1947 in Havana, when the Dodgers trained there. He was a good ball player then. He's even better now."

The Dodgers tried to sign Minoso that year but he wasn't interested. He was then playing in the Cuban Winter League. Clyde Sukeforth scouted him for Brooklyn and offered the Cuban star a contract. Minoso just wasn't interested. He could not speak English and preferred to stay with a Spanish-speaking ball club. He turned down the Brooklyn offer and accepted one for less money from the New York Cubans. The owner of the Cubans was Alex Pompez, a gentleman of color, born and reared in Havana.

The past winter Minoso changed his mind. He picked up enough English words to know a strike from a ball and how to order a cup of coffee in a restaurant. Meantime, Abe Saperstein, the man who handles Negro talent for Bill Veeck, worked on Minoso and convinced him that a man doesn't have to be a professor in romance languages to play in the majors.

"Base hits speak louder than words," said Mr. Saperstein. "Don't worry about the English language, few of us ever learn to speak it. If you don't believe me, just listen to Satchel Paige."

Minoso went to camp and had to listen to Satchel. Anyone around Satch' has to listen to him. Two sessions with him convinced Minoso that English isn't everything.

"I sign," he told Saperstein, "I sign, pronto."

They Also Have Luke Easter

So, Minoso is now in organized baseball and headed for the major leagues. He is a Cuban who is sure to be an Indian some day. Sat 4-16-49

Cleveland has another sensational prospect on the West Coast. He is Lucius Easter, giant first baseman, now with San Diego. Ed Munzel, Chicago sportswriter, describes him this way: "He stands a mere six feet, four inches and weighs 230 pounds. His shoulders are so tremendous that in his civvies he looks like he forgot to remove the coat hanger. He's pretty fancy around that first sack, as fancy as the suits he wears, the car he drives and the big headlight diamond he flashes."

Earl Sheely, the old White Sox first baseman, says: "He's the greatest power hitter I've seen around first base since Lou Gehrig."

Bucky Harris, manager of the San Diego club, is sold on big Luke. "He's ready for the majors right now," Harris says. "I know at least ten clubs that could use him."

Fred Haney, manager of the Hollywood Stars, a Brooklyn farm club, says: "I wish they'd get him out of here before he kills every infielder in the Coast League."

With Minoso and Easter under contract, Cleveland will not have to worry about replacements at third base or first base for a long, long time. They are ready now and are merely standing by until Bill Veeck calls them up for duty. It may not be long, either. Keltner is no youngster, nor is Mickey Vernon, the present first baseman. If either falters the slightest, you can bet your Sunday bonnet that Veeck will add more color to Cleveland.

The Sports World Merry-Go-Round . . .

Jackie Robinson's theft of home in Atlanta the other day is a pre-season warning to all National League pitchers. He's ready to go . . . The total attendance for the Brooklyn-Atlanta three-game series was 49,309 . . . Bob Thurman, Kansas City Monarchs' pitcher, is luring major league scouts. But they aren't interested in his pitching ability. He's a terrific power hitter and may wind up in the majors as an outfielder . . . The Homestead Grays, playing independently this year, are booked for tours to the Hawaiian Islands, Cuba, Mexico, South Am[illegible] and Puerto Rico . . . When Stanley Roberts, The Courier's publicity ace, married lovely Ann Mason in New York Saturday, Jake Gaither, Wilberforce State's publicity director, gave the bride away, causing members of the sports mob present to remark that it was the first time in history Jake ever gave anything away without beefing . . . The third annual Southeastern Open Golf Tournament will be held in Jacksonville, Fla., April 29 and 30. A total of $1,500 in prize money will be distributed . . . Any pro team that gets Don Barksdale, the basketball star, will have to pay him a salary of $11,000. That's what he's demanding to leave the West Coast and come East . . . Frank (Chicago Defender) Young is now an official timekeeper. He was appointed by the Illinois Boxing Commission and is doing a good job . . . Levi Jackson, Yale football captain, now weighs approximately 200 pounds. He wants to get down to 185 for football season . . . The Harlem Globetrotters basketball team finished its season in Cincinnati last Sunday. During the year they played before a million fans, more than any team has drawn in basketball history . . . Too bad no league has seen fit to sign Johnny Craig, the honest arbiter. Organized baseball could use an umpire like him . . . Joe Louis has an offer to put on a series of exhibition bouts in the Philippines.

Diamond Bulletins—

Robinson Blasts Two-Run Homer

Birmingham 4-16 News

Birmingham, Ala. Mid. 3-25-49

Kiner, Westlake, Castiglione Slap Out Three Home Runs In Free-Hitting Tilt

PITTSBURGH, May 25—(AP)—Brooklyn's red hot Dodgers, led once again by Jackie Robinson, whipped Pittsburgh, 8-6, in a free-hitting contest today. Robinson blasted a two-run homer and a single, and got a base four times. Ralph Kiner, Wally Westlake and Pete Castiglione hit homers for Pittsburgh.

Wed 5-25-49

Score by innings:

Brooklyn	200	312	000	8	13	2
Pittsburgh	103	200	000	6	8	1

Barney, Banta (3) and Campanella; Wherle, Lombardi (4), Munrief (5), Riddle (7) and Fitzgerald.

HHRS.—Brooklyn, Robinson.

PGH—Castiglione, Westlake, and Kiner.

LP.—Muncrief.

WP.—Banta.

Boysen's Lawyer Says That's 'Good' Of Reinstatement

New York Amsterdam News

New York *New York

That's good," said Benjamin H. Chasin, attorney, when informed yesterday that Commissioner A. B. Chandler had reinstated Leo Durocher, manager of the New York Giants "I'm very happy."

Chasin is the legal representative of Fred Boysen, a Brooklyn Dodger fan, who obtained a summons Monday charging Durocher with simple assault.

Boysen claimed Durocher hit and kicked him after a Dodger-Giant game at the Polo Grounds last Thursday, a charge that led to the manager's temporary suspension.

The attorney said he would proceed with the prosecution and declared he did not believe the reinstatement would have any legal bearing on the case.

"That's all I can say until I've had a chance to talk with my client," Chasin stated.

He added, however, that the summons, returnable in Upper Manhattan court next Monday, would be served on Durocher as soon as possible after the latter's return from Cincinnati.

Jackie Corrects Sliding Flaws

Afro American

Long Drills Designed to Increase Base Thefts

Baltimore 5-28-49

By Staff Correspondent

VERO BEACH, Fla.— Jackie Robinson, fleet-footed infielder of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is being groomed to become the base-stealing terror of the National League.

Already the scourge of the NL basepaths and winner of the league base-stealing championship in 1947, Robinson this week was ordered to put special emphasis on sliding drills with a view toward improving his style and eliminating the few flaws he has.

Jackie's work in the sliding pit was the highlight of the activities at the Dodgers' training camp. Manager Bert Shotton surprised the entire camp, newsmen and players alike, when he ordered the long session in the sliding pit for the speedy Robinson.

Newcombe In 3rd Straight Shutout Win.

Big Don's 8-0 Triumph Over Giants Makes 30 Scoreless Innings

BROOKLYN—(NNPA) — Big Don Newcombe last Friday night pitched his third successive shutout, whitewashing the New York Giants by a score of 8 to 0, and stretching the number of straight scoreless innings he has pitched to thirty.

In pitching his fourteenth victory against six losses, Newcombe held the Giants to five singles, struck out seven batters, five of them in the first two innings, and gave up only two bases on balls.

Newcombe had previously licked the St. Louis Cardinals and Pittsburgh Pirates and held the Boston Braves scoreless in the last three innings.

Not only was he superb on the mound Friday night, but he got two singles, batting in two runs to help his own cause.

Fans Side

In the first, he struck out Bill Rigney and Bob Thomson, and in the second he whiffed the side, striking out Sid Gordon, Joe Lafata and Ray Mueller.

Henry Thompson, the ex-Kansas City Monarch now playing second base for the Giants, went hitless in three times at bat against Newcombe. He walked in the first, forced Whitey Lockman at second in the third, flied to Mike McCormick in the sixth and popped to Gil Hodges in the eighth.

Jackie Robinson got two hits in four times at bat, scored one run and batted in two more.

Roy Campanella got one hit in four trips to the plate and was credited with batting in one run.

Scorebook

BATTING

Including Sept 4

Player & Club	AB	R	H	Avg.
Wilson, Oakl'd	459	97	165	.359
Robinson, Brk.	508	101	177	.348
Thurman, Nwk.	150	28	51	.340
Jethroe, Mont.	576	142	190	.329
Minoso, S.Diego	415	74	124	.299
Doby, Cleve.	466	90	137	.294
Marquez, Porl'd	365	70	92	.281
Camp'lla, Brk.	346	50	97	2.80
Ritchey, S.Diego	287	28	80	.279
Thomps'n, N.Y.	222	43	61	.275
Noble, .C.	143	20	35	.273
Taborn, Nwk.	74	4	18	.243
Austin, Portl'd	312	43	72	.231
Irvin, N.Y.	43	4	9	.209
Easter, Cleve.	22	2	2	.091

HOME RUNS — Doby (20), Campanella (17), Jethroe 17), Robinson (16), Minoso (14), Thompson (8), Thurman (5), Noble (5), Ritchey (3), Austin (3);

TRIPLES — Jethroe (13), Robinson (8), Minoso (7), Campanella (2), Doby (2), Ritchey, Thompson, Irvin, Noble, Thurman;

DOUBLES — Robinson (33), Doby (25), Jethroe (24), Campanella (16), Minoso (14), Ritchey (9), Thompson (8), Thurman (8) Taborn (3), Irvin;

STOLEN BASES — Jethroe (81), Robinson (29), Ritchey (10), Doby (7), Thompson (7), Minoso (5), Thurman (4), Irvin (2), Campanella (3).

***FIELDING**

Player & Club	PO	A	E	DP	Av.
Easter, Cleve.	3	0	0	0	1.000
Irvin, N.Y.	108	20	1	1	.992
Robinson, Brk.	340	371	9	92	.987
Noble, J.C.	200	23	3	2	.987
Doby, Cleve.	285	7	5	1	.983
Camp'lla, Brk.	429	43	10	3	.979
Thomp'n, N.Y.	201	164	11	38	.971
Jethroe, Mont.	353	19	14	2	.964
Taborn, Nwk.	58	8	3	0	.956
Thurman, Nwk.	66	0	4	0	.943

***PITCHING**

Player & Club	H	R	SO	BB	W	L
Bankh'd, Mont.	185	195	164	144	19	5
Newc'be, Brk.	182	82	118	54	14	6
Smith, J.C.	138	72	69	14	9	7
Paige, Cleve.	62	29	47	28	4	6

Note — In evaluating these averages, readers should bear in mind that Brooklyn, Cleveland and New York are major league clubs. The rest are minor league teams.

Don Newcombe, Paige Win Again; Larry Doby Nears .300 At Plate

ST. LOUIS—The Dodgers just aven't had it the last few times hey met St. Louis this year, and he Cardinals stretched their lead o 2½ games, with a 7-6 win, Saturday. Jackie Robinson contributed two runs batted in to the Dodger effort, and Roy Campanella scored once and batted in another in two trips. Robinson, who got two singles in four trips, was credited with three assists, two of them launching double plays.

BOSTON—Proud Papa, Larry Doby, who hasn't committed a boner since returning to the Cleveland lineup, collected a double and a single in five attempts, scored twice and drove a run across, as the Indians defeated Boston, 10-6, Saturday.

Satchel Paige, who came to the aid of Early Wynn in the eighth with none out, gave up three hits in two frames, while walking one and fanning two. The score was tied when he retired in favor of a pinch hitter in the 10th, and the win was credited to him, his fourth against five losses.

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CINCINNATI—Henry Thompson carved his initials a little deeper into second base for the Giants, Saturday, with two singles in six trips, three runs scored and a run batted in, as the Giants edged the Reds, 8-7 in 10 innings. He made three putouts and no assists.

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ST. LOUIS—Jackie Robinson got credit for a double and a single in three trips as the Dodgers and the Cards played a 3-3, nine-inning tie. The game will have to be played from that point on later.

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BOSTON—Larry Doby got a single in four tries and scored once, in addition to driving in a run, in the nightcap at Boston, Friday, as Cleveland won, 9-3. In the first game, he went hitless in four trips and was charged with an error. Satchel Paige, relieving Mike Garcia in the eighth, struck out two and allowed no hits in his one-inning stint.

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CINCINNATI—Hank Thompson's single went for nothing as the Giants lost to the Reds, 3-0, here, Friday. He was at bat three times, and handled six chances afield for three putouts, two assists and an error.

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NEW YORK—Larry Doby came through with a double and a single in three trips, and scored a run, as the Indians lost to the Yankees, 3-2, Thursday, and fell behind four games. Larry was at bat three times and handled no chances afield.

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Three Brooklyn homers—one of them Jackie Robinson's 11th of the season, helped defeat the Cubs, 7-1, in Chicago, Thursday. He was at bat five times, scored twice and sent one run across.

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PITTSBURGH — A resounding triple by Hank Thompson did not figure in the scoring, but the Giants eat the Pirates, 8-6, here, Thursday. Thompson got one for five.

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It was Big Don Newcombe all the way, Wednesday, as the Dodgers walloped the Cubs, 7-3, in Chicago. Newcombe, racking up his eighth win against three defeats, fanned 0 Cub batters. Jackie Robinson ot a single and a double in four trips and scored once. Newcombe ailed to hit in four trips. He pitched 8 2-3 innings and gave up nine hits. He also hit one batter, Bob Sheffing, on the wrist.

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PITTSBURGH—Monte Irvin and Hank Thompson both appeared in the New York lineup Wednesday, and both went hitless, as the Giants beat the Pirates, 8-3. Thompson scored wice and stole one base. Irvin had no fielding chances, and Thompson had eight for three putouts and five assists.

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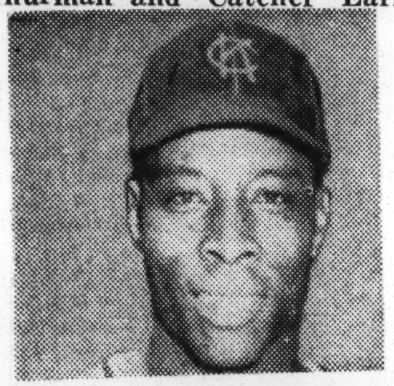
THE AVERAGES
(Saturday's Games)

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Pct.
Robinson	367	78	135	11	79	.369
Doby	321	63	94	14	51	.293
Thompson	84	18	23	2	9	.274
Campan'a	253	39	67	14	48	.265
Irvin	20	2	5	0	1	.250

Thurman, Taborn Sent To Newark Farm Team

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees, who like to call themselves the aristocrats of baseball, became this week the sixth major league team to buy Negro players.

In a deal with the Kansas City Monarchs, the Yankees purchased Outfielder Bob Thurman and Catcher Earl Taborn. Both men were assigned to the Newark Bears, a Yankee farm team that needs some talent badly. Newark is in the International league.



BOB THURMAN

The Monarchs, one of the most powerful teams in Negro baseball, was winner of the first half of the split Negro American league season.

Thurman reported to the Bears on Saturday. Taborn joined the team Sunday. The contracts of both players were purchased by the New York Yankees from Tom Y. Baird, owner of the Monarchs.

The Bears recently sold Luis Marquez, former Homestead Grays outfielder, and Frank Austin, ex-Philadelphia Stars shortstop, to the Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast league.

Immediately the team nose dived to last place in the International league and the Newark fans went over to New York and Brooklyn to see the Yankees, Dodgers or the New York Giants play.

Earl Taborn had been given the "once over" by several major league scouts. His home is in St. Louis where he played with the St. Louis Giants, the Elks nine and the City All-Stars.

He is an ex-G.I. and caught for his army team in Hawaii. During the winter months, he played in Puerto Rico. He is 24 years old, throws and bats right handed. His batting average is .285.

Thurman, who poled a home run in his last appearance in Chicago is also an ex-G.I. He came to the Monarchs this spring from the Homestead Grays. He is a high school graduate of Wichita, Kans. Thurman is 26 years old and his batting average is .356 in 236 times at bat.

SEPIA STARS HELP DODGERS WIN PENNANT

Robinson and Campy shine in climax game at Philly.

by-Charles Einstein

New York-The Brooklyn Dodgers, who were accused of having everything but courage, and the New York Yankees, who supposedly had nothing else, will meet in the 1949 World Series as the triumphant heroes of the wildest pennant races in modern baseball history.

In the student twilight that comes so fircely upon October afternoons, New York went happily crazy Sunday. Strangers stopped each other on the street. Big black headlines shouted. Network radio programs were ripped off the air to tell the enws.

LAST GAMES DECIDE.

The Yanks who would have st the American League Pennant to Boston had they been beaten, stopped the rich Red Sox, 5 to 3.

The Dodgers, who would have been tied by St. Louis for the National League flag had they been beaten, scored twice in the ninth inning to defeat Philadelphia 9 to 7,

Brooklyn won 97 of its 154 games; the Cardinals won 96. In the other league, New York won 97 of its 154 games; the Red Sox won 96.

SERIES SCHEDULE

Two kindly, weary old men—Burt Shotton, manager of the Dodgers, and Casey Stengel manager of the Yankees—raised their hands for silence in the bedlam of the winning dressing rooms and thanked their players for the happiest moments of their lives.

The World Series begins on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at Yankee Stadium. The games will be played there Wednesday and Thursday.

On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday they will move to Ebbets Field, Brooklyn.

STARTING PITCHERS

NEW YORK —(INS)— Starting pitchers for the first World Series game?

No official announcement had been made from either camp by noon Monday, but best guesses are:

For the Dodgers: Don Newcombe (second most likely: Preacher Roe).

For the Yanks: Allie Reynolds (second most likely: Ed Lopat).

T HAPPENED BEFORE

On Monday and Tuesday, ction reverts to Yankee Stadum. That is, assuming seven ames will be needed to decide he best four-out-of-seven series. But when Yank meets Dodger—and its happened twice before in this decade, in 1941 and again in 1947—it is best to prepare for the worst.

The two most amazing games in world series history were products of Yankee-Dodger warfare. In 1941, a game-ending strike escaped Dodger Catcher Mickey Owen, and the Yanks—with the strikeout victim now on first base — turned around and won the game.

NO ANTI-CLIMAX

In 1947, Yankee pitcher Floyd Bevens stood one strike away from being the only pitcher ever to throw a World Series no-hitter — and with one immemorial meatball, which Cookie Lavagetto hit for a two-run double, became instead the only pitcher ever to lose a World Series one-hitter.

Thus the forthcoming series can hardly be viewed as an anti-climax, even despite the truly spectacular nature of the pennant races themselves.

A SCORCHING FINISH

Flag chases have ended on the last day of the season before, and two of them—the 1946 National League race and the 1948 American League race—actually went beyond, into the jurisdiction of a post-season playoff.

But not since 1908—41 years ago — have both leagues come scorching together so unbelievably, down to the very last day. In 1908, needless to say, fan interest was quantitatively far lower than the pitch that kept half the world on edge this year.

JACKIE AND ROY STAR

Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella played brilliantly afield and at bat. Jackie stole two bases, singled in a run, sacrificed, and scored himself.

Campanella — who was honored by a "day" in his hometown, Philadelphia on Saturday—doubled and sent in two vital runs in the fifth.

SOX VS. YANKS

The Red Sox, leading the Yanks by a game going into the final pair at New York, got off to a 4-0 lead Saturday—and lost the game 5 to 4.

Not even the Yankees of 1927—supposedly the greatest team of all—could have beaten these latter-day Yankees Sunday.

They got off in front behind Vic Raschi and stayed in front all the way.

DON WINS CLINCHER

Despite seventy injuries and a talent list that didn't figure to finish better than third, the Yanks led all season until Boston caught them in the final stride. But Boston, one of the great hitting teams of all time, wound up with everything except first place.

The Dodgers passed the Cardinals for keeps last Thursday (Sept. 29). They were grim and great.

Don Newcombe won his 17th game against 8 losses to put them one-half game ahead in a 5-inning, call-account-darkness game against Boston.

Then the Dodgers went a full game ahead when the St. Louis Cardinals lost to Chicago Friday, while Brooklyn was idle.

Saturday, both the Dodgers and Cardinals lost — to the Phils and the Cubs—but that kept Brooklyn's one-game lead intact.

Jay SAYS

Ex-Monarch Scouts Team

JOHN DONALDSON, Chicago White Sox scout, plumped himself down in a box seat next to us at the July 4 doubleheader between the Kansas City Monarchs and the Chicago American Giants. John not only used to pitch for the Monarchs, but he NAMED the team when J. L. Wilkinson broke up his All Nations baseball team and decided to put a club in Kansas City, Mo.

Most of the players on the new club wanted it to be called the Kansas City Browns. John suggested the name "Monarchs" and that name stuck.

Along about the middle of the first game, John turned and said "We got to win this one to be sure of the first half championship of the western division of the league." "What do you mean by 'we'" we asked him. "Well," John shot back, "you know I played with the Monarchs so long that it's still my club."

Chicago fans of today know little about Donaldson. He was rated along with Rube Foster and Joe Williams of the Homestead Grays They were the top Negro hurlers of all time in our book. Yes, there were other good ones but not quite up to these three.

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Donaldson first saw the light of day in Glasgow, Mo., about 59 years ago although he looks today like a man in his early 40's. He first came to our attention as a pitcher for the Tennessee Rats who toured the northwest in 1911 playing baseball in the afternoons and putting on a stage show at night. He also attracted the attention of Wilkinson, owner of the All Nations.

Wilkinson had a girl playing first base. She demanded more money than J. L. figured he could pay so he signed Donaldson and wired the girl "her services were no longer needed."

Donaldson blossomed into fame by pitching three no-hit, no-run games against a strong white club of Kansas City, Kans.

We asked him if he remembered the game against Rube Foster's American Giants at 39th Street and Wentworth when he struck out 16 Giants who had such hitters as Frank Duncan, Jess Barber and Pete Hill in the outfield, Leroy Grant was on first and John Henry Lloyd was in short with Bruce Petway behind the plate. He remembered that. He recalled the day he handed Dick Redding a 2 to 1 defeat in 12 innings much to Foster's embarrassment.

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The first world war interrupted Donaldson's pitching activities. He served with the 365th infantry which was a part of the 92nd division and was stationed in Brest, France.

When Donaldson returned with his outfit to the United States and was mustered out, he joined a white club in Bertha, Minn. He pitched and played in the outfield when not doing mound duty. He was with that team from 1923 to 1926 when he rejoined the Monarchs playing his last year in 1945 with the Monarchs traveling club under the management of Newt Joseph, now owner of a fleet of taxicabs in Kansas City, Mo.

John played in Cuba sometimes during the winter and with the Royal Poincianna hotel team in Florida at other times.

Donaldson has made his home in Chicago since 1925. At present he is a shipping clerk with the Globe Novelty Fur company and has been hired as scout of Negro baseball talent by the White Sox.

Incidentally, he was watching two Chicago American Giants players on July 3 and 4 and had an eye on three Kansas City Monarchs. But the odd part of it was when Donaldson talked to one of the Monarch players who has major league possibilities, he was told by the player that "he wasn't interested because he could make more money right now playing with the Monarchs in the summer and in Puerto Rico in the winter."

"Sort of short sighted," was all that John said to us about it.

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Wilkinson told us Donaldson played in about 125 games each year when he was in his prime. He was "the best we ever had and in my books is the Negro pitcher," J. L. confided. "You never saw a man with as much guts as he had. Why, he would curve a third strike over on a batter with the call of three and two on him. And field his position! Boy, you don't make them that way today."

And when we asked Donaldson to tell us something about himself, he laughed. "You know more about me than anybody else," he said. We knew a whole lot but we didn't know John had taken Frank Blattner to Bertha, Minn., to play second base. "I passed him off as an Indian," John said with a chuckle.

It wouldn't be surprising if the White Sox signed a couple of hard hitting, good fielding Negro players soon. Donaldson wouldn't talk about it other than to say the management was interested.

It is his job to find some with ability. We feel positive that he will do that very thing. If anybody knows a ball player when he sees one our friend of nearly 40 years does.

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World Series Notes

By Marion E. Jackson

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column was delayed enroute to our offices. We are publishing it so that our readers might have the benefit of Sports Editor Marion E. Jackson's eye-witness account of the '49 World Series.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The '49 World Series is over with the New York Yankees winning their 12th championship.....It was the Yanks third conquest over the Brooklyn Dodgers having won in '41, '47 and '49. The Dodgers in going down in their fifth defeat in baseball's biggest spectacle can blame their last two losses on pitching. The Yanks had Allie Reynolds, Vic Raschi and Joe Page, who were invincible in the clutches. They likewise had hitters who could deliver the payoff punch as Bobby Brown and Johnny Mize.

If there were any hero for the Dodgers other than Preacher Roe, it was Roy Campanella, and may be Gil Hodges. Campanella perhaps won a right to be called the greatest catcher in organized baseball. His strong throwing arm, lightning-like reflexes and tiptop batting was the difference between the Dodgers' pitchers being "wild men" and the team's hitting tapering off to nothing. The '49 World Series proved Campanella is a long ball hitter.

If you look back to series play you'll note that Jackie Robinson was always on base. The Yankee pitchers respected him and never served up anything good..... and still Jackie either walked or slammed the ball for doubles off the fence.

Don Newcombe, after that masterful opening day pitching duel with Allie Reynolds, needed rest. In the clubhouse, we asked one of the Dodger coaches why they came back with him in the fourth game, when a day or two rest would perhaps have made him more effective. The answer was "inored to get beat in the World Series, we've got to use the most dependable hurler on the club."

You see Roe and Branca had seen service. The game was of such importance that the erratic and uncertain Rex Barney could be used only as a "gamble."

Although Burt Shotton was severely criticized for his handling of the team events in the final game proved him right. Rex. Barney, Jack Banta, Carl Erskine, Joe Hatten, Ralph Palica and Paul Minner paraded to the mound to equal a World Series record, held by six other clubs, of using six pitchers in one game.

If there is anything that deserves special comment it is the fact that the largest number of Negroes in World Series competition competed in the classic. . . . It was the first time that a Negro pitcher was a starting pitcher and was named twice as a starting pitcher in one series. In the first and fourth game you had an All-Negro battery with Newcombe pitching and Roy Campanella, catching. Jackie Robinson was on second base where he had played throughout the season without missing a single game and where he had played throughout the 1947 and 1949 World Series.

SERIES CHATTER— The Series was the 15th five-game affair..... Each team posted a shutout and the National League leads in this department with 53 to the American League's 21 since 1903....One of the largest contingent of Negro sportswriters in history covered the 1949 World Series . . . Two of the most liberal radio broadcasters in the game aired the Series with Mel Allen of Birmingham, Ala., and Red Barber of Jacksonville, Florida, and who grew up in Mississippi. Ernie Harwell of Atlanta assists Barber in the coverage of regular season games.

Jackie Robinson's barnstorming tour of the South is to pick up insurance money. Jackie's time in the major leagues is rapidly running out and the tour which opened on October 12 in Norfolk, Va., is insurance money for the time when the Dodger second-sacker can no longer perform in the big show.

Jackie picked up a nice pile from the World Series. The guarantee from his Deep South tour will add more greenbacks. Add to this the fact, Jackie will have Winter employment at the Harlem Y. M. C. A. and at a New York appliance company.

At the same time, the trip will help Larry Doby and Don Newcombe who haven't been seen too often in recent years in the portion of the South the tour is to cover. Fans will no doubt flock out to see them and "old age security" for the ball hawks will be further assured.

..TIPOFF IN SPORTS — Sammy Jethroe should give the Boston Braves the spark needed for the 1950 pennant honors....In the pressbox at the World Series most sportswriters praised Satchel Paige for helping the Indians to the '48 American League flag and to the World's Championship and blamed his fear of an operation as the reason for his decline in the majors ....It takes out-of-town folks and famous folks from all walks of life to give the spectacle the fanfare and color that makes it the greatest sports show on earth.

Negroes Appear In US League Baseball For The First Time

WASHINGTON.—According to Mr Harold Cooper, Public Relations Officer of Nigeria on leave in the U.S.A., the big event in sport last month has been the annual "all-star" game between teams selected from the two major baseball leagues – the American and the National.

This year Negroes appeared in the game for the first time, and there were no less than four of them—Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella and Don Newcombe, all of the Brooklyn "Dodgers," played for the National League and Larry Doby, of Cleveland, played for the American League, which won by 11 runs to 7.

Don Newcombe pitched very well and almost changed the course of the game when he made a tremendous hit towards the left field fence which looked like being a home run but was brilliantly caught by Ted Williams, of Boston.

Jackie Robinson, as was expected, was among the most successful performers for the National League side.

He is still leading all othe batters in the majors by a comfortable margin.

Negroes Will Dominate Baseball, According To West Coast Columnist

by A. S. "Doc" Young

LOS ANGELES—Jackie Robinson is to baseball what Joe Louis was to boxing. And, the day may come when Negro diamondeers will dominate organized baseball in much the same manner that beak busters of color dominate boxing today. So said Vincent X. Flaherty, a Hearst columnist who writes for the Los Angeles Examiner, last week.

Flaherty appraised the current situation which has Robinson running high for the National League's Most Valuable Player award and Don Newcombe, Dodgers' right-hander, contending for Rookie of the Year honors. This, according to Flaherty, is indicative of things to come.

SERVE AS STIMULANT

"The Robinsons, Newcombes, Dobys, Paiges and their minor league counterparts," Flaherty wrote, "have served as an immense stimulant for your Negro athletes throughout the country.

"The fairly recent addition of Negroes to the baseball scene is veri-similar to the influx of Negroes into boxing when Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong came along.

". . . today, Negro fighters dominate the fight game by an overwhelming margin.

"You can expect the same thing to happen in baseball. And this can't help but ring true, because Jackie Robinson and few others have demonstrated their prowess. Robinson, today, for example, enjoys the same high level of hero worship among his race as did Louis at his best. He is the idol of every Negro youngster in America. In fact, his rise has been such that the average Negro youngster would have difficulty choosing between Jackie and Joe as their No. 1 guy.

FUTURE ROBINSONS

"You still see Negro youngsters playfully boxing on city streets, but you also see increasingly greater numbers playing baseball on playgrounds and corner lots.

"Many of these little kids are going to be the Jackie Robinsons of the future—even better than Robinson, who, unfortunately, got started in the big leagues a trifle late.

"If the cycle is to sweep through baseball as it did in boxing, then 10 or 15 years from now you'll see more Negro players in the big leagues than white players. It can be that entire teams will be composed of colored players."

Flaherty added that the same thing might happen in professional football. "George Taliaferro of the Los Angeles Dons is the newest star, and very well may be the Jackie Robinson or Joe Louis of football . . . an inspirational example for Negro youngsters to worship and follow."

Three More Negro Baseball Players Reported Doing Well

WASHINGTON.— Three more Negro baseball players are following the example of Jackie Robinson of Brooklyn, and making good in the American major leagues.

Larry Doby, of Cleveland, after a shanky start, has found his form with a vengeance and recently hit what is believed to be one of the longest home-runs ever seen.

His terrific belt cleared an advertisement sign on the top of the centre-field wall in the Washington ball park.

The ball sailed right out of the stadium and dropped on the roof of an adjoining house.

It is estimated to have been carried more than five hundred feet from hit to pitch.

Only a few days previously, Doby has hit a 470-feet homer in Yankee Stadium in New York, a swipe hailed by the sports writers as reminiscent of the best performances of the legendary Babe Ruth.

Another Negro, chunky Roy Campanilla, is making a great name for himself as catcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

He is one of the leaders in the National League in home-runs.

Big League Future Holds Promise for Negro Baseball

(By Alvin E. White)

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Acordisg to Ernest Hartgrove one of the ranking Social Security office employees in New York City, Negro baseball has been on the upgrade since the big leagues took new Negro players.

Basing his contention on what he has recently observed, Hartgrove says the crowds may not be as big at Negro league baseball nowadays, but they are better behaved, know more baseball and come to the game to see baseball and not to be seen and clown as they used to do in the not so "good old days" Negroes baseball magnates like to recall.

Further, Hartgrove, who is a keen student of the game, says players too have changed. He saw a team down south last week and was impressed with first, the caliber of play, the type of players, their lack of rowdiness—they all seemed to be educated men who knew if they made good, they could get an opportunity to the treatment accorded them, and the schedules, which were not the killing old fashioned schedules which the managers forced on players years ago.

Fewer teams with fewer big names says Hartgrove have not hurt Negro baseball, instead, it has helped it, because big league scouts now follow the activities of these teams and can keep track of the younger men coming up. Gone are the fabulous Satchel Paiges' and Josh Gibson's but now, more all round players are gracing the field with prospects of going even higher. Hartgrove says the situation is good in spite of what some former owners say.

Roy Praised As Bums Lose Series in Five Games

By W. ROLLO WILSON

BROOKLYN—The inevitable happened at Ebbets Field on Sunday afternoon when the Yankees won the necessary fourth game of the 1949 World Series to become champions of Brooklyn and the rest of the country. It was press box and taproom consensus on Saturday that a return trip to the Stadium on Monday would not be necessary and the boys were right.

Manager Burt Shotton threw six pitchers and twelve other players into the game, but the best they could do was to score six runs while the Bronx Bombers were blasting ten. Rex Barney was the starting and losing pitcher. Joe Page made his third successful appearance as a fireman when he checked a Dodger rally in the seventh which had assumed a four-run threat.

When Brooklyn used six pitchers they tied a record held by five other World Series teams. When Duke Snider struck out for the third time on Sunday and for the eighth time in the series he tied an unenviable record made by Rogers Hornsby, of Chicago, in 1929.

OUTHITS BERRA

Roy Campanella, after the firing had ceased, was still one of the outstanding players of the series. He outhit his opponent, Yogi Berra, .267 to .091. The other Yankee catchers, Silvera and Nairhos, batted exactly .000 in one game. He had one hit Sunday, a double to left. Gene Woodling, retrieving the ball, threw to third to head off the runner, probably thinking Campy was another Jackie Robinson.

Jackie, making a bum throw to the plate on a relay from the outfield, chalked up his first and only error of the series. He handled twenty-one other chances.

Robinson had one hit for the day, three for the series, and a batting mark of .188.

Although they had blown the series, the sullen attitude which had distinguished most of the Brooklyn players on Saturday was absent on Sunday. Goodbyes were being said and everyone was bespeaking everyone else a "good winter."

CAN'T BE THAT BAD

When asked his opinion of the series Jackie quipped:

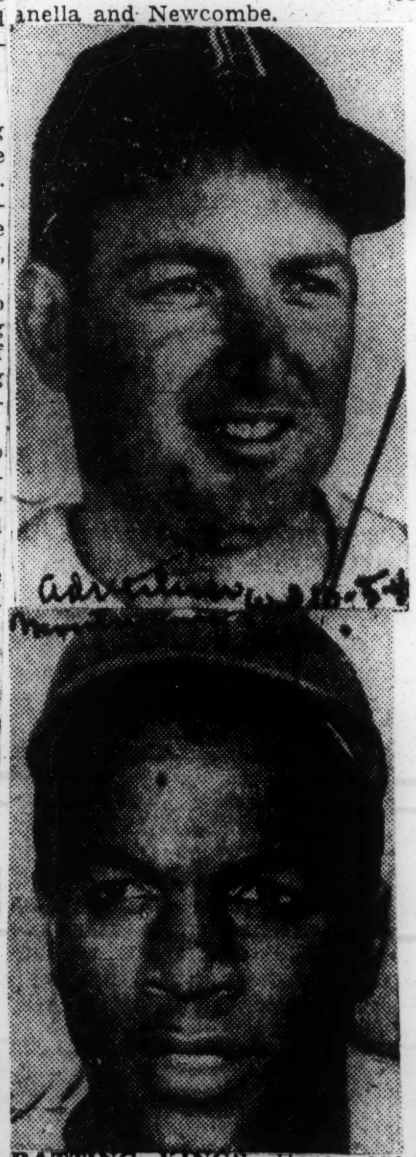
"What is there to say? They beat us; in fact, they kicked heck out of us." Then he asked, "On the level, do you think we are as bad a team as we acted in this series?"

Don Newcombe kicked in with "I don't know what was wrong. We just did not click, but I still think our club would beat out the Yankees over a season's play. I made one bad pitch and we lost a game. We lost a couple more because a play or two went wrong in each."

Larry Doby, of the Cleveland Indians, was a clubhouse visitor, and he loudly declared for all to hear that the National League had no pitchers, and when they ran into real hurling by the Yankees they did not know what to do with it.

"Well," countered Carl Furillo, injured outfielder of the Bums, "we dumped Hugh Casey into the ashcan and the Yankees were glad to take him out of it and use him for a relief pitcher."

Refuting reports that Burt Shotton was retiring as manager was the information handed out that the veteran pilot and Branch Rickey were scheduled to have a conference early this week to decide on the club's nucleus for 1950. Several players are due to go to perhaps greener fields to make room for promising material coming up. At this early date it can be said that three of the men who will not leave are Robinson, Campanella and Newcombe.



BATTING KINGS—Here are the two top batters in the major leagues for 1949. George Kell (top), Detroit third baseman, won the American League crown with an average of .3429. Jackie Robinson (bottom), Brooklyn second baseman, took the title in the National League with an average of .342. (AP Wirephoto)

Sports

Nice Going, Kid!—Dan Bankhead, Montreal moundsman, is shown being congratulated by Manager Clay Hopper shortly after he had pitched the Royals to their first win in the Little World Series over the Indianapolis Indians, last week. Dan allowed five hits in the 3-1 win.

Reports From Courier Sports Experts

Short, Snappy Comments and Opinions From Our Battery of Scribes on the Nation's Seething Sports Fronts.

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BILL NUNN Jr.—Sportswriters Will Compose Jury!

PITTSBURGH—Sports writers throughout the country will step into the jury box in a few weeks . . . They won't be deciding the fate of a Senator, a Congressman or a President, their final ballot will decide who was the best player in the National League during the 1949 season and who was the best rookie during that same period.

For many sports scribes, (biased ones that is) the decision will be one of the toughest they have ever been called upon to make. For if these "lovers" of the clean American sport of baseball let the records speak for themselves, two tan diamond stars, namely, Jackie Robinson and Don Newcombe, will walk off with two of baseball's most cherished awards, the National Leagues "Most Valuable Player Award" and the National Leagues "Rookie of the Year Award."

When the time comes for the verdict to be read, it won't be Robinson and Newcombe on trial . . . their glowing records speak for themselves . . . it will be the American sports writer.

Their VERDICT will be closely watched by all true Americans.

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CHES WASHINGTON—Artie Dazzles the Angels

LOS ANGELES—When artful Artie Wilson, Oakland's PCL batting leader left Los Angeles after a triumphant series for the Oaks, he virtually had clipped the wings of the Los Angeles Angels and left them virtually flopping.

The flopping all over the field was due to Wilson's deceptive hitting. Artie is known as a left handed hitter who hits to dead left field. So the Angels shifted their defense to that side of the field. But almost invariable Wilson would cross them up and smack out down the right hand side . . . right where practically nobody was.

Wilson skillfully pulled the famous Ted Williams trick that the fans yelled in glee over the obvious confusion of the Angels. While Artie, all the while, was slamming out safeties all over the Angels' green pastures.

.UCIUS JONES—The High Cost of Jim Crow

NEW ORLEANS—When Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella appeared in a spring series with the Brooklyn Dodgers against the Atlanta Crackers at Ponce DeLeon Park, Atlanta, Ga., more than 23,000 people—an all-time record for baseball attendance at a game in dixie—turned out. Box office reports show more than 6,000 of these spectators were Negroes.

When Jackie and his all-stars were presented by Promoter Allen Page here a year ago at Pelican Stadium, there was space for only two or three hundred white fans as more than 14,000 Negroes jammed all available space.

This goes to show how colored sports fans react to games featuring members of their own race.

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This is another way of pointing out that sports, incorporated, could have sold at least 5,000 tickets at four dollars a piece to Negro fans and "salted away" $20,000 "extra" had the three colored players, Bob Mann (formerly of Michigan University), Wallace Triplett (formerly of Penn State) and Mel Groomes (formerly of Indiana University) been allowed to participate in the game between the Philadelphia Eagles, National Professional Football Champions, and the Detroit Lions at City Park Stadium, New Orleans, here last Sunday . . . About 15,000 white fans, paying four and five dollars for tickets, must have grossed the promotion $50,000 or more. Had the Negro stars played, the gross, without a doubt, would have hit the $75,000 mark—and "that ain't hay."

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W. ROLLO WILSON—Home Honors for Campy

PHILADELPHIA—Roy Campanella, who learned how to play baseball in the shadows of Shibe Park, is going to be honored by home town fans on Saturday, Oct. 1, in a big way. It's going to be Campanella Day and a committee of representative citizens has been formed by the Rev. Arthur Rankin to make a good job of it. Judge Harry S. McDevitt is the chairman and other officers are the Rev. Mr. Rankin, Paul Klieman, Dr. John K. Rice. The characters on the sponsoring committee range from A to W in the alphabet and from publicity men, lawyers, magistrates, radio announcers, newsmen, ministers, promoters, businessmen and ball players emeritus to boxers ditto.

The first "A" on the list is Babe Alexander of the Phillies. There is one thing Babe would dearly love to give Roy and that is a locker in the Phillies' clubhouse. Failing that, he has a second choice—a one-way ticket to Tahiti for the best catcher in the big leagues. It could well be that on that sunny (we hope) Saturday afternoon in October the Phillies would need the game to secure third place and the Dodgers would need it to cop the pennant.

And if Campy hits in that game as he did on Brooklyn's last trip here when he batted over .400 against Blue Jay pitching—well, the Dodgers will have the flag cinched and the Phillies will be anchored at the foot of the first division.

Fans whose support of the Phillies when the Brooklyn Club is in here (at once a tribute to the Negro players and a stern example to the local club owners) will not fail to support this testimonial to the Nicetown boy who had to leave home to make good in the majors. And it also offers opportunity to baseball fans everywhere to show that they appreciate the example which Roy is setting for those who will follow him.

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We Didn't Do So Badly

Looking back upon the 1949 baseball season which ends this month, it appears that we haven't fared so badly.

As this is written, Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn Dodger second baseman, is leading the National League in batting and bases stolen, and Pitcher Don Newcombe, a teammate, seems a likely candidate for "Rookie of the Year" in the NL.

Sammy Jethroe of the Montreal Royals led the International League in stolen bases, setting a new record with 89, and Dan Bankhead, Royals hurling star, had a record of 20 victories against six losses for the regular season.

Luke Easter was batting .365 in 80 games before leaving the San Diego Padres to join the Cleveland Indians, and Artie Wilson led the Pacific Coast League in batting with a healthy .357 average.

Larry Doby's season with the Cleveland Indians was better than average although the ageless Satchel Paige (as was expected) wasn't as hot this season as last.

Hank Thompson and Monte Irvin more than made the grade with the New York Giants, and Roy Campanella, with his steady catching and stickwork was a bulwark of the Dodger team.

The Baltimore Elite Giants won the Negro American League championship by defeating the Chicago American Giants in four straight games.

With the World Series in the offing and college and professional football teams now in full swing, we can look back upon the 1949 season with pardonable pride. It was really great.

Robinson, Campanella And Doby To Play Here Against B'ham Barons

Jackie Robinson, great Negro second baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers who captured the National League batting title during the past season, will bring a star-studded aggregation to Municipal Stadium here Monday, Oct. 17, to vie with the power-laden Birmingham Black Barons.

Roy Campanella, Brooklyn catcher who was one of the Bums' heaviest hitters in the recently completed World Series, will be behind the plate for the All-Stars.

Lary Doby, hard-hitting centerfield for the Cleveland Indians, will also be in the All-star lineup. Doby has established several records for the longest home runs in individual American League parks.

Vying with these three established major leaguers for hitting honors will be "Piper" Davis, manager and first-sacker for the Black Barons, who has been purchased by the Boston Red Sox.

General admission to the game will be $1.50 with box seats available for 50 cents extra. Students will be admitted for 75 cents.

A special section will be reserved for white fans.

Clark Griffith, Connie Mack Out of Step With Present Times, Veteran Scribe Says

By ALVIN E. WHITE

NEW YORK (ANP) — To the Grand Old Men of Baseball, chief, this piece is affectionately dedicated, meaning of course, Clark Griffith of Washington, D.C., and Connie Mack of Philadelphia.

The sooner they are off the scene, the better the prospects for colored ball players in those two towns.

Now, I am not trying to dim the glorious careers of these pioneers but the procession is marching too fast for them today. They are out of step and falling even further behind.

They like colored folk. They have admitted it. But they only like them when they are paying admission to see the ball players perform or having them to do the cleaning up work around the parks — but wearing the sacred spangles of the AAA's and the Senators, jehosophat no.

Often Watched 'Em

Why this blind outlook to an inevitable situation?

Clark Griffith has seen so many colored ball players he can count them off as well as the next man. I've seen him time after time at the games the colored teams played in his park. Standing there puffing on a long cigar, his shaggy white eyebrows knit together in amazement at the didoes the tan boys were cutting up. And being a magnate, he also counted the house on numerous occasions when the colored lads outdrew his bedraggled Senators.

Surely he could stick in a couple of colored boys — he has seen everyone that is in the big time and not only had he seen them, but he has talked with them. He had the opportunity to grab them off first and benefit both in team standing and in the vulnerable cash box.

Mr. Mack is hopeless in this.

The game has changed considerably since Cornelius was a catcher—yep—it's changed considerably since the halcyon days of Home Run Baker, the hundred thousand dollar infield of Baker, Barry, Collins and McInnis with Frank, Combs and Bender tossing 'em up to Lapp and Thomas.

Connie had better wake up, and let modern methods prevail or step down.

(Incidentally, the Phils could use a few good colored boys in their National League outfit, too. Connie is not by himself, you know.)

Still Men Available

So the grand old men are playing out their strings, hardheadedly and stubbornly. As the eminent Britisher said in the war, quoting a wiser sage, "It is later than you think!"

When are these two gentlemen going to admit the loyal support colored fans have given them and return the compliment by signing competent colored players? There still are a few available, even if Brothers Rickey and Veeck have corralled what appears to be the cream of the crop. Smart boys, Bill and Branch. They don't have any red ink in their offices.

'Poison Pen' Letters Sent Dodger Team

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

CINCINNATI — Wednesday morning's Brooklyn Dodger mail brought evidence that there are still some vicious anti-racial diehards who refuse to accept the inevitable, or to condone the integration principle of Organized Baseball.

Each of the white Dodger regulars was recipient of a "poison pen" note from one who signed himself "Ardent Fan."

The letters, bearing local postmarks, lashed the players for being members of a "n——r team."

Pee Wee Reese, shortstop and captain of the Brooks, brought the thing into the open. Reese, despite his Kentucky birthright, has repeatedly proved himself one of the most, if not the most, liberal player in the Brooklyn organization.

Having learned that other members of the team had received the letters, Pee Wee elected to treat it openly. He brought the one sent him as he boarded the club's chartered bus en route to the ball park for the Wednesday game with Cincinnati.

"You're some man," he read aloud from the missive, "to play with a bunch of 'n-----s.' Wonder how it must feel to have everything you do overshadowed by Jackie Robinson, Campanella and Newcombe."

There was more, but Pee Wee's humorous interjections provoked so much laughter among the bus occupants that the rest of the contents were lost.

He did say later, however, that 'Ardent Fan" had closed his message with the wish that Pitcher Larry Jansen had "bruised your head instead of your arm" when the Giants' hurler struck him with a pitched ball in Ebbets Field last week.

Following Reese's disclosure, other players revealed that they, too, had been recipients of similar pieces.

Gil Hodges said his letter criticized him for "living in the same hotels, using the same showers, etc., with a bunch of 'n——rs.'"

But the Bums' first baseman, like Duke Snider, Billy Cox, Spider Jorgensen, Bruce Edwards and Preacher Roe, asserted he had deposited his "in the toilet" without "bothering to read it thoroughly."

One or two of the players told the AFRO that there have been other occasions when letters of the sort have been received. "But they are rare, and nobody pays any attention to them any more," they pointed out.

Neither Jackie, Campy nor Newcombe saw fit to comment on the matter. Robbie simply shrugged his shoulders. "It's nothing," said the other two.

DUSTIN' OFF the NEWS

by LUCIUS Harper

Who Said John McGraw Was For Hiring Negroes As Players in Organized Baseball?

FOR THE FIRST TIME in the history of organized baseball a Negro battery—Newcombe and Campanella—participated as the main actors in a World's Series. Of course, such an event as this should be generally common now, had old "Pop" Anson of Chicago and John J. McGraw of New York been less influential in this national sport when it first merged into decency through specific rules and regulations at the turn of the century.

"Pop"' Anson, manager and owner of the old Chicago White Stockings, was the first to lay down the strict law of color against Negroes as players, and he stood steadfastly by it until his dying day, some fifteen years ago.

Contrary to present belief, John J. McGraw, who made the New York Giants famous, was as much against the participation of Negroes in organized baseball on the playing field as Anson. McGraw, however, didn't carry his antagonism against color to the extent that Anson did. He hired a Negro "rubber," Dr. J. Pryor, to take care of the priceless pitching arm of the great Christy Mathewson. When alcohol almost blinded Pryor and he quit, McGraw took on "Bill" Madison, a giant of a colored fellow, and labelled him "trainer." When Madison died, he hired another by the name of Jamieson. At McGraw's demise, Jamieson passed out.

As close as McGraw ever got to an attack on the color line was his hiring of Andy Cohen, a Jew, as second baseman, and Chief Meyers, an Indian, as catcher. He hired Cohen as a bait, it is said, to attract the large Jewish population in New York, but soon released him when the desired effects weren't produced. Indians, as real Americans, have never had any color line problems in organized baseball, from the Sally league to the National. The same has been true of Cubans, provided they were not black. Mulatto Cubans, with straight hair, have been hired purely on their ability and expertness ever since league formations began in both North and South, a custom which is in vogue today. Havana, Cuba, grouped now in a league that includes several Florida teams, is forbidden to employ the most sensational and promising diamond star if he is black, and must confine its roster to mulatto and white Cubans "with straight hair."

It has been forever current among colored fans of the "arguing-type" that McGraw was "the greatest friend Negroes had in baseball," and that if it had been possible he would have had one on the New York Giants, but the record proves otherwise. There has never been any ironclad rule against the hiring of Negro players in any of the major leagues, but there had long existed a "gentlemen's agreement" between both managers and owners to outlaw Negroes, and McGraw was a party to this agreement.

Through lack of proper investigation McGraw hired Charlie Grant, a sensational Negro player around 1903, and used him until he came to Chicago, where Grant's admirers, out of racial pride, decided to honor him. Through this ceremony, it was revealed Grant was colored. McGraw fired him the next day.

Many years ago when Ban Johnson was head of the American League and Harriman of the National, a joint conference was held in Philadelphia. Negroes, believing it the opportune time to present their claim for entry into the national sport, formed a committee headed by the late S. Tutt Whitney, noted actor of his day and an intellectual of the first rank. Johnson and Harriman took kindly to the plea. In the meanwhile, Whitney polled the managers of the team with personal letters seeking to bolster his committee's petition with favorable opinions from these sources. The most caustic reply against Negroes entering professional and organized baseball came from McGraw, who, without mincing words, "slammed the door" in the Negro committee's face. None was surprised more than Whitney, for he had definitely relied on McGraw more than any other of the leagues' managers and owners to wholeheartedly support the petition.

Whitney, then writing a column in the Chicago Defender under the title: "Seen and Heard While Passing," published McGraw's letter, but somehow it never set to rest the erroneous belief among Negroes that "if John McGraw had his way, Negroes would be on every team in the major leagues, especially the New York Giants."

Up to the time of the late Commissioner of Baseball, Kenesaw Mountain Landis, it was the common belief that Negroes were automatically barred from the major leagues because of color. A committee of Negroes, seeking to break down the barrier, held conference with Landis and discovered to their amazement that no written agreement existed that barred any race. "I don't hire players," Landis said, "but if any of the managers or owners sign a Negro, I'll see that he gets the same treatment as any other player. Of course, they can be signed; who says they can't" But no one had the nerve, or the desire to challenge Landis' statement. We had to wait many years later—after Landis was dead—for Branch Rickey to "break the ice." And how the ice is beginning to crack all about us now making baseball really a national sport, including all races.

(P. S. — Wonder what Ty Cobb—who was Commissioner Chandler's guest at the Series—thought when he saw Campanella, Newcombe and Robinson, three Negroes, trot out on the diamond to participate in the game? If our guess is correct, it certainly must have galled him. Cobb, a rabid race-baiter, with very pronounced prejudices against Negroes, never would play against them even on barnstorming tours. What Negro talent this great national sport has lost through the decades by such narrowness and nonsense, plus downright racial prejudice, cannot be estimated.

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SPORTS ROUND UP

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Most recent development from the front office of the second division Chicago Cubs is the hiring of a colored baseball scout. The Windy City national league outfit announced last week that they had hired Yellowhorse Morris, former pitcher with the Chicago American Giants Detroit Stars and the Kansas City Monarchs. Morris knows baseball from A to Z, and has played with many white all-star groups. He will work out of San Francisco. The Cubs took another historic step three weeks ago when they signed Charles Pope of Tulare, Calif., He was assigned to the Visalis Club, a Cub farm team.

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With the current influx of Negroes into the major league colored players are taking a keener interest in the game all the way from the sandlot level to the college diamond. There are approximately 35 in the major leagues this year and the number increases from day to day. In most of the southern schools where baseball had either been dropped from the program completely or sadly neglected it has taken what would seem to be taken its rightful place beside football and basketball. These schools are allocating more funds and providing experienced men for the boys.

What They're Doing

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JACKIE ROBINSON, Brooklyn Dodgers.

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
322	73	117	10	68	20	.363

ROY CAMPANELLA, Brooklyn Dodgers.

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
225	37	61	13	43	2	.271

LARRY DOBY, Cleveland Indians.

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
289	58	83	14	49	4	.287

SATCHEL PAIGE, Cleveland Indians.

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G.	IP.	BB.	SO.	W.	L.	Pct.
16	54	25	36	3	5	.375

DON NEWCOMBE, Brooklyn

G.	IP.	BB.	SO.	W.	L.	Pct.
16	102	23	56	7	2	.778

HENRY THOMPSON, Outfielder—New York Giants

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
20	5	4	1	3	0	.200

MONTE IRVIN, Outfielder—New York Giants

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
0	0	0	0	0	0	.000

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On the Minor League Front

LUCIUS EASTER, First Base—San Diego, Pacific Coast League.

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
273	56	99	25	91	1	.363

ART WILSON, Shortstop—Oakland, Pacific Coast League.

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
305	50	109	0	20	18	.357

JOHN RITCHEY, Catcher—San Diego, Pacific Coast League.

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
171	20	48	2	20	6	.281

SAM JETHROE, Outfielder—Montreal, International League.

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
340	88	112	11	41	50	.329

EDWARD MOORE, Outfield—Billings, Pioneer League.

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
235	66	63	6	46	7	.268

GEORGE CROW, First Base—Pawtucket, New England League.

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
252	47	76	7	53	11	.302

AL SMITH, Third Base—Wilkes-Barre, Eastern League.

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
263	54	73	5	31	6	.278

HARRY SIMPSON, Outfield—Wilkes-Barre, Eastern League.

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
269	71	82	20	67	0	.305

JAMES PENDLETON, Outfielder—St. Paul, American Association.

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
208	45	58	4	23	21	.279

RAY DANDRIDGE, Infielder—Minneapolis, American Association

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
190	21	67	2	25	3	.353

ORESTES MINOSO, Outfielder—San Diego, Pacific Coast League

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
225	44	65	6	30	3	.289

LUIS MARQUEZ, Outfielder—Portland, Pacific Coast League

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
191	30	53	1	21	14	.277

HOWARD LLOYD, Outfielder—Leavenworth, Western Association.

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
208	26	61	1	11	6	.293

PERCY HOWARD, Catcher—Leavenworth, Western Association.

AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	Pct.
81	5	15	0	4	2	.185

DAN BANKHEAD, Pitcher—Montreal, International League.

G.	IP.	BB.	SO.	W.	L.	Pct.
19	136	86	82	9	4	.692

FORD SMITH, Pitcher—Jersey City, International League.

G.	IP.	BB.	SO.	W.	L.	Pct.
15	78	52	40	3	5	.375

JOSE SANTIAGO, Pitcher—Dayton Central League.

G.	IP.	BB.	SO.	W.	L.	Pct.
23	117	51	134	9	6	.600

ROY WELMAKER, Pitcher—Wilkes-Barre, Eastern League.

G.	IP.	BB.	SO.	W.	L.	Pct.
18	141	72	86	12	5	.706

BROOKS LAWRENCE, Pitcher—Zanesville, Ohio-Indiana League.

G.	IP.	BB.	SO.	W.	L.	Pct.
18	113	62	103	7	4	.636

BOOKER McDANIELS, Pitcher—Los Angeles, Pacific Coast League.

G.	IP.	BB.	SO.	W.	L.	Pct.
8	54	29	40	5	3	.625

ALLEN BRYANT, Pitcher—Leavenworth, Western Association.

G.	IP.	BB.	SO.	W.	L.	Pct.
13	86	57	43	1	8	.111

Dash of Color in World Series Seen as Shot in Arm for Race Relations

Courier 4-23-49

By DOUGLASS HALL

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The long interracial arms of the World Series are reaching deeply into the Southland and have a decided effect upon all they touch.

For three years I have noticed this sentiment growing until it has become a matter worth reporting. At first I could hardly detect white persons' reactions towards colored players in the World Series. I did not prime my ears until this year.

It was the day after Jackie Robinson had starred in the second game of the series. I pulled up to a filling station here where a group was gathered around a radio. No one seemed to pay me any attention. I got out of my car and walked over near the all-white huddle.

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Keep you ear when a person is listening to the World Series. I remained for service. my car was just about all that I could do as just about all that I could do as Can't Stand It

sound) has the right idea. So and the colored man in his place and all is equal. But give him a chance, and he runs away with things."

It seems as if they were discussing the game of the previous day when the lone score by Jackie swung the game to the Dodgers.

"That 'n——r' player is good. There ain't no doubt about that. He must be to be where he is, ahead of all them white players in batting, stolen bases. Fact is he got almost all the honors."

The small radio was completely hidden in the midst of the group. There was an off-key sound coming from it, like a mouse crying for help. They listened and talked and gave me that "go away look."

Now I don't think that there was anything racial about that look. You get it almost any place

Big Help Seen

However, the World series — at least the interracial angle of it — has softened many a blow for spectators, religion, and many other activities.

Before the colored men were accepted into organized baseball, and into the World Series, it was difficult to approach a white person. You simply did not know what to talk about. I have been told that the feeling was mutual. Often they did not know what to say to us, so rather than be considered ignorant, they said something — often the wrong thing.

But now baseball has opened the door to better race relations. All you have to say to a man who wants to talk is Jackie, Campy, Newcombe . and then the conversation takes off for a fast start.

Despite the men at the filling station, most persons that I have seen appreciate the series, its all-American angle.

Press Changes Attitude

The series has taken the game that Americans love most and mixed it with a people that many Americans hate most. There you

nave a mixture that is hard for many Americans to take. But there simply was no way of enjoying the series this year without accepting the mixture.

I have seen persons try to divorce the colored boys from the series. Newspapers played them in small type. But not now! They are really stars. They simply can not report the series without speaking in a favorable manner towards its stars.

So the World Series has had a decided effect on Southern journalism, which is in many sections "Play up the bad things on colored persons, and play down the good." But they had to come up with Jackie's name in headlines and a few with his photo on the front page.

A white school teacher told me that she had observed changes taking place in the hero worshiping of the kids. "As you know, our kids simply worship baseball heroes. We have taught them that, and it has been going well for more than 100 years. The big ball players have all been white. Now come 1949 and it's colored baseball stars. What can we do?

"We can teach our kids to worship only white baseball heroes. But that would undermine the old American game. We can divert their interest from the game. That would mean death to baseball.

"We can teach them to love the game and worship the stars of it, no matter what the color of their skin. There you are right back to the same old thing. I guess you would call it 'baseball equality.'"

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AT CROSSROADS:

Ex-Newark Eagles Owner Tells Story

the Afro-American

Baltimore, Md.

By EFFA MANLEY

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The following statement by Mrs. Effa Manley, former owner of the Newark Eagles baseball team (now the Houston, Texas Eagles) was given to members of the National Negro Publishers Association who are holding their annual convention in Washington this week.]

Organized colored baseball today, stands at the crossroads. The success or failure of the teams to draw this year, may determine the future of our colored leagues. The past two seasons have seen our colored fans desert our ballparks to follow the exploits of Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella of Brooklyn and Larry Doby of the Cleveland Indians.

This season the trend of our fans still is toward the major league parks, and unless a real campaign is launched to retain their interest in colored baseball, our leagues may be unable to continue operating.

It is this situation which impels me to release to the colored publishers this statement as an individual who has owned a team in baseball for the past 15 years. I am firmly convinced that if baseball is to be saved, the colored press will have to save it. This poses the question "Is Colored baseball worth saving?"

Support Needed

The answer to that question can be found in the number of players who were developed in our leagues and are now making good in the majors. It is hardly necessary for me to remind you that Robinson, Campanella, Doby and Paige and Newcombe are all products of organized Negro baseball. If colored fans want to see our boys in the majors after the present group have ended their careers, then it is necessary that they support our colored leagues which discover and develop players capable of playing in the majors.

If we fail to support our leagues in this crucial period we may be hastening the day when no colored will be playing in the majors. The boys cannot make the jump from sandlot baseball into the big leagues without going through a period of development such as they are given in our leagues.

Employ 350 Playeres

It is also evident that there will not be a sufficient number of our boys scattered throughout the minor league chains to meet the situation. At present we have 10 clubs in the Negro American League, and eight in the American Association that employ about 350 ballplayers, all being paid substantial salaries receiving training and competition that inspires them to gives their best. This is the only practical source for future Robinsons and Dobys.

I believe that some affirmative steps must be taken by those of us who want colored baseball to survive.

I have been associated with professional baseball in the front office operation for the past 15 years and I have observed a great number of things which I believe must be brought to the attention of the general public.

When colored ballplayers were first signed by the major league teams, principally the Brooklyn Dodgers, the owners of the teams in the Negro National League, now defunct, and the Negro American League shuddered with fear. They were stunned.

Nothing was paid for the players' contracts and no one appeared to be willing to make any issue of the "steals". Most owners felt that to raise the question would be to make it appear that because of a selfish interest in money, the opportunity of some young man was being thwarted.

Veeck Accused

Even when Larry Doby of the Newark Eagles, the team which my husband, Abe, owned and in which I was active as business manager, the management of the Cleveland Indians made a promise to me which was not kept. I of course, remember the arrangements very well, but the major league team president ignores even my inquiries which seek only a courteous reply.

The problem was not only mine. It involved every owner in the leagues and will continue to confront them until they untie in a common purpose. They must intend first, to provide entertainment and employment for our people; secondly, they must want to protect the future of colored baseball for what it must mean to the world, and thirdly, they must want to protect that investment, time and energies.

Fortunately, I have no monetary interest in baseball now that the Eagles were sold to Houston, Texas, and therefore my interest at this point is only in the future of the sport. I have no selfish interest.

Sat. 6-25-49

Irvin Case

It was only last winter that Branch Rickey signed Monte Irvin, who was a rightfielder with The Newark Eagles. He made no effort to contact us as the owners of the team which developed Monte since his first attempts in professional baseball. It it had not attorney, we would have been bypassed and ignored.

However, by exerting our rights, we prevailed upon Mr. Rickey through officials in the major leagues, to withdraw his contractual arrangements with Irvin, and we ultimately sold him to the New York Giants. The result was best for everyone concerned.

The Eagles were paid for Irvin's contract. Irvin was assigned to Jersey City in the International League (which he is leading in batting) instead of to St. Paul, Minn., where the Dodgers were planning to send him. Because Irvin's home is closer to Jersey City he was happier, and because he was the first colored in the Giants chain his opportunities are greater than they would have been with Brooklyn.

This incident is a page out of a long story. It was significant because a wave of contract signing opened, and we even read in the newspapers about a fight between two major league teams over a colored ballplayer. Wasn't that news!

Seeks Alliance

My point is this: Some steps must be taken to establish a firm relationship between the major leagues and the present colored leagues.

Unless something is done we are now seeing the last crop of colored players in the big leagues. They have killed themselves off, because at the same time, colored professional baseball is being killed.

We must never lose sight of the fact that the origin of colored baseball as it is presently constituted was born of discrimination. We would never have had all-colored teams, or even all colored audiences if it had not been for the Jim Crow practices all of us have sought to eliminate.

If the signing of colored baseball players means a step in that direction, we must not let it's very accomplishment be the factor which will defeat us for all time. We are at the crossroads. The future of colored baseball is at stake.

The press has a very definite responsibility in helping to preserve the leagues. If the sports writers on your publications will evidence the same enthusiasm toward our colored baseball leagues and our colored boys playing in these organizations, as they do about the feats of the colored players in the white major leagues, the future of colored baseball will not be in jeopardy. If they will give us the space, coverage, and buildup, the fans will give us the support necessary to make the Negro teams financially successful.

Newspapers, fans, owners, and everyone interested in the welfare of our people must get together on a common basis. We must do something and do it immediately. Otherwise colored baseball is in great danger of folding . . . and that must NEVER happen.

FEP in Baseball

Too much emphasis cannot be put upon the most spectacular demonstration of how fair employment practices are working out. It is the case of Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers. The demonstration should put to shame the enemies of FEP both in and out of congress. These gentry have been predicting that riots and bloodshed would result from the "Communist inspired proposal of fair employment practices." They said it would be the entering wedge or "social equality," whatever "social equality" means among reactionaries.

Mehvill Slate

According to Thomas E. Dewey, when he first became New York's district attorney, a great cosmopolitan city like that state's metropolis should observe a code of fair employment practices in naming the assistants of the district attorney. Mr. Dewey, promptly made that viewpoint a reality in the district attorney's office. When he became governor of his state, Mr. Dewey felt that fair employment practices deserved to be tried in government, in business and in labor unions throughout his state. He also saw that viewpoint become a reality with the passage and enforcement of the law creating New York's State Commission Against Discrimination.

The lone loyalist to the anti-discrimination statute among New York's major baseball magnates is Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Mr. Rickey experienced with Jackie Robinson and found out that he had struck a gold mine not only for the Dodgers but for all of the teams of the National League. The American people began to break attendance records at baseball games. Cleveland of the American League emulated Brooklyn and FEP made more headway as a sound business policy.

It is virtually indisputable that throughout the civilized world the experiment with FEP in major league baseball has done more to prove that the United States is trying to become a democracy than anything done in recent years. Two baseball magnates have been doing things to make democracy work while preachers and politicians merely have talked about democracy. Colored fans especially are fast becoming conscious of the fact that minor league magnates are not giving them a fair deal for the money they pay to support baseball.

It is known If colored fans ever decide to boycott Doby, Don teams that do not have and do not try are to play to get colored players, that decision most hear any of certainly is not going to increase the attendance of white fans at such games, while at the same time these unfair teams will lose much of the revenue all reap a they are now getting.

from base- It is just like Mrs. Franklin D. Roose- hand, or- velt has said: "the nation is being de- and Tex- prived of the benefits it would get from a big fall- much of its fine talent by the failure to of fans observe fair employment practice rules

in selecting talent.

Of course the enemies of FEP can and do say that it is nobody's business --not even government's—to tell THEM how to run their business. This argument is no more valid than would be the argument of an individual who would say he objected to going to war to protect a business enterprise that discriminated against workers because of their race.

Two Share Strike-Out Record

Record—Several days ago a fan at Eminence noted that **Charles Long** of that town had struck out 29 opposing batters in a 16-inning game. He wanted to know if that was a record for amateur ball around the state. . . . Doubtless it is. We can't find any record of a pitcher in amateur ball going 16 innings, in the first place. . . . But the strikeout mark for a regular nine-inning contest seems to be held by a couple of Louisvillians. . . . Looking back through the files I found this, written by **Bruce Dudley**, American Association president, then sports editor of this paper:

Joe Louis

"Let the argufying cease over who holds the amateur strikeout record for these parts. It is shared by two very fine fellows, **George A. 'Fatty' Harris** and **Stanley Wagner**, at 25.

"Fatty Harris pitched 10 years of remarkable ball—from 1918 through 1927. While with the Messick Memorial in 1920 he fanned 25 Armsby Avenue Baptists and did not allow a hit. . . . On April 27, 1935, Wagner, young and slim, a student at St. Xaxier, struck out 25 Trinity Methodists while pitching for Grace Lutheran."

Thurman, Taborn Sent To Newark Farm Team

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees, who like to call themselves the aristocrats of baseball, became this week the sixth major league team to buy Negro players.

In a deal with the Kansas City Monarchs, the Yankees purchased Outfielder Bob Thurman and Catcher Earl Taborn. Both men were assigned to the Newark Bears, a Yankee farm team that needs some talent badly. Newark is in the International league.

The Monarchs, one of the most powerful teams in Negro baseball, was winner of the first half of the split Negro American league season.

Thurman reported to the Bears on Saturday. Taborn joined the team Sunday. The contracts of both players were purchased by the New York Yankees from Tom Y. Baird, owner of the Monarchs.

The Bears recently sold Luis Marquez, former Homestead Grays outfielder, and Frank Austin, ex-Philadelphia Stars shortstop, to the Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast league.

Immediately the team nose dived to last place in the International league and the Newark fans went over to New York and Brooklyn to see the Yankees, Dodgers or the New York Giants play.

Earl Taborn had been given the "once over" by several major league scouts. His home is in St. Louis where he played with the St. Louis Giants, the Elks nine and the City All-Stars.

He is an ex-G.I. and caught for his army team in Hawaii. During the winter months, he played in Puerto Rico. He is 24 years old, throws and bats right handed. His batting average is .285.

Thurman, who poled a home run in his last appearance in Chicago, is also an ex-G.I. He came to the Monarchs this spring from the Homestead Grays. He is a high school graduate of Wichita, Kans. Thurman is 26 years old and his batting average is .356 in 236 times at bat.

Giants Smother Dodgers 10 to 1

Homers by Thomson and Thompson Spark 6-Run Spree for N. Y. In 7th

Brooklyn, Sept. 9 (AP)—The New York Giants piled it on thick today as they scored one of their infrequent victories over Brooklyn's Dodgers by a 10-1 count.

The loss not only snapped a six-game Brooklyn winning streak but dropped them a game and a half behind the league-leading St. Louis Cardinals. The Cards met the Reds in Cincinnati tonight.

A six-run splurge in the seventh inning, highlighted by the two-run homers of Bob Thomson and Henry Thompson, ruined Preacher Roe and the Brooks.

Roe, who had duelled Lefty Dave Koslo in a shutout match for six innings, was reached for five of the runs and had none out when he was relieved by Ralph Branca. Branca was touched for one more in that inning, on Jackie Robinson's error, and for another two in the eighth. The Giants completed the rout against Rex Barney in the ninth with two more.

Tight In Clutch

Koslo gave up nine hits but was tight in the clutch. The Giants backed him up with three double plays as well as the 13-hit assault.

Roy Campanella homered in the seventh to spoil Koslo's shutout bid. It was the southpaw's ninth win of the year against 11 defeats. Roe was charged with his fifth loss. He has won 12.

Sid Gordon opened the big seventh with a single and went to second on Duke Snider's boot. Thomson broke the deadlock with his 24th homer of the season. Willard Marshall's double and Bert Haas' single accounted for the third run. Thompson then clouted a freak homer. He hit the ball into the scoreboard and the ball became lodged in a neon sign and wouldn't drop.

Roe was relieved by Branca, who gave up the Giants' sixth run of the inning.

N. Y.	ab.	h.	po.	a.	Bklyn.	ab.	h.	po.	a.
Rigney s-3	4	1	3	1	Reese s	3	0	1	4
Lockman 1	5	2	2	0	Miksis 3	4	2	0	4
Gordon 3	3	1	0	2	Furillo r	4	2	3	0
Kerr s	2	0	0	3	Robinson 2	3	0	3	3
Thoms'n m	5	2	3	0	Hodges 1b	4	0	13	0
Marshall r	4	2	2	0	Edwards 1	4	1	0	0
Thomp'n 2	4	2	4	4	Camp'la c	4	2	4	0
Mueller c	4	1	2	0	Snider m	4	0	3	1
Koslo p	3	0	0	1	Roe p	1	1	0	2
Totals	39	13	27	11	Branca p	0	0	0	0
					*Olmo	1	1	0	0
					Barney p	0	0	0	0
*B for Branca in 8.					Totals	32	9	27	14

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E—Snder, Branca, Robinson. RBI—Thomson 2, Haas 2, Thompson 3, Lockman 2, Campanella, Kerr. 2BH—Lockman, Marshall, Miksis. 2BH—Haas, Lockman. HR—Thomson, Thompson, Campanella. S—Koslo. DP—Rigney, Thompson and Haas; Gordon, Thompson and Haas; Robinson, Reese and Hodges; Thompson and Haas. LOB—N. Y. 5, Bkly. 7. BB—Koslo 3, Branca 1, Barney 1. SO—Koslo 2, Roe 2 Branca 1. H—Off Roe 8 in 6 innings (none out in 7th), Branca 3 in 2, Barney 2 in 1. WP—Koslo (9-11). LP—Roe (12-5).

Writers' Group Denies Charge

Baseball Press Box Closed To Negroes, Columnist Says

Pittsburgh, Sept. 9 (AP).—A Pittsburgh sports writer today defied what he called a pointed suggestion that he quit the Baseball writers Association of America because he advocated membership for Negroes.

Vince Johnson, 37-year-old Post-Gazette columnist, said the association's Pittsburgh chapter advised it will be glad to accept his resignation "if you feel as you write."

Declared ohnson:

"I can see little fairness in a situation where Negro sportswriters are barred from covering baseball games while members of their own race are playing on the field.

"I feel as I write about giving Negro sportswriters the same status about other writers covering major league baseball. I have no intention of resigning. Membership in the association is necessary to my work."

Only association members are assigned seats in press boxes at major league baseball parks. The association's constitution restrictss membership to writer actively engaged in reporting games for daily newspapers.

Negro newspapers are published on a weekly basis and this bars them from membership, said Johnson, adding.

"I have maintained that, since the constitution works undemocratically, it should be changed."

In New York, Roscoe McGowan of the New York Times, president of the Baseball Writers Association, said he had not known of any authorized Negro baseball writer being barred from a major league press box.

He said any writer sent by his paper to cover a baseball game is admitted to the press box and "doesn't have to be a member of the writers association." Only women are barred from the press box, added McGowan.

John Hernon, chairman of the association's Pittsburgh chapter, said he sent Johnson the letter. His commen on Johnson's statement:

"He's making a big stink out of nothing."

Hernon pointed to association rules against admitting members from weekly papers and said "if we did that the press box would reach from here to no where."

instead of Pittsburgh.

"It is not a case of permitting Negro writers entry," Hernon said. "We have allowed some Negro writers with weekly papers to come in the press box, although our constitution does not permit membership for writers on weeklies."

He said ne had "invited" John son to resign because of his "constant attacks on the Pittsburgh chapter."

Johnson printed excerpts from a letter from Hernon in his column Friday. One of the excerpts said:

"If you feel as you write....we shall be glad to accept your resignation."

BASEBALL WRITERS FEUD OVER ADMISSION OF WENDELL SMITH

PITTSBURGH—(INS)—A squabble between baseball writers Johnson and John Hernon in print Friday when Johnson declined Hernon's "invitation" to have a Negro writer admitted to the Pittsburgh chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association.

Vince Writing in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Johnson said Friday that Hernon, operator of the Tristate News Service and chairman of the Pittsburgh chapter of the BBWA for Chicago editor of the Pittsburgh Courier, on the grounds that the Courier is a weekly and that no writers for weekly papers are admitted to the press box within it.

Hernon has also writes for the Chicago American, a daily, but thus "would have to apply for admission to the BBWA for Chicago

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Angels sign first Negro player, Booker McDaniels, ex-Monarch

Righthander Booker McDaniels, old Kansas City Monarch sidekick and relief man for the fabulous Satchel Paige, was hired last week by the pitcher-shy Los Angeles Angels, of the Pacific Coast League.

McDaniels flew to Seattle to join the Angels immediately the deal was signed and sealed. He will probably make his first local appearance sometime next week when the team returns from its Northwest and Bay Area junket.

A big, durable righthander, McDaniels was one of the leading hurlers in the Negro American League when Cub scouts laid their hands on him. He is expected to help pull the weak-mounded Angels out of the doldrums; even has a chance of being brought up by the worse off Cubs, if he proves himself.

England League and one with the Montreal Royals, is playing his second season with the Dodgers. Last year, he was sent to the St. Paul club of the American Association when the Dodgers cut their squad in the spring, but remained only a few weeks when Brooklyn recalled him. He started hitting home runs in the American Association and was a terror to all pitchers.

On Thursday night his average was .442 for 52 times at bat. Closest to him was Kazak of St. Louis with .395 in 43 times up. Kazak was up four times without a hit against the New York Giants on Saturday and had two hits in three times up against the Giants on Friday. That brings Kazak's total to 49 times at bat and 19 hits for a .367 percentage.

However on Saturday morning, the Cardinal second baseman had passed Campanella. Including Friday's games the percentages read, Kazak at bat 45 times, 19 hits for a .422 percentage, while Campy had been to bat 56 times and had made 23 hits for a .411 percentage.

Larry Doby played an important part in the Cleveland Indians' 4-3 win over the Boston Red Sox in 12 innings in Cleveland. He was safe at first in the 12th on a fielder's choice after Mitchell singled, Boudreau sacrificed, Parnell walked a man and Keltner singled to win the game.

Doby, who has been in a batting slump, got one hit in five official trips at the plate and scored one run. He stole one base.

Orestes Minoso got into the game in right field. He was up twice and went hitless.

The batting percentages, including Saturday's games are:

	AB	R	H	Pct.
Campanella	60	13	24	.400
Robinson	72	10	16	.222
Doby	49	6	9	.184

Minoso was not included in the official batting percentages released and which included Thursday's games.

Satchel Paige has pitched one game and lost that one to Detroit.

Simpson Eastern Champion

SIMPSON LEADS EASTERN

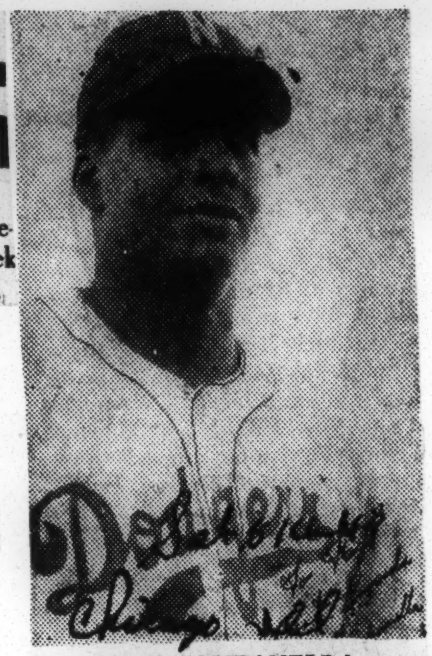
Harry Simpson, ex Philly Stars' outfielder, is leading the Eastern League with a .538 batting percentage. He has made 14 hits in 26 times at bat, including three homers.

Al Smith, former Cleveland Buckeye outfielder, is tied with Simpson with three homers, but trails with a .241 batting average. Both are with the Wilkes-Barre club.

Roy Campanella, Brooklyn Dodgers' number one catcher, topped the National League batting in the official release of last Thursday, which included players who had played in five games or more. Held hitless Friday night against the Chicago Cubs, Campy bounced back into the hit column on Saturday as Brooklyn routed Chicago, 10-4.

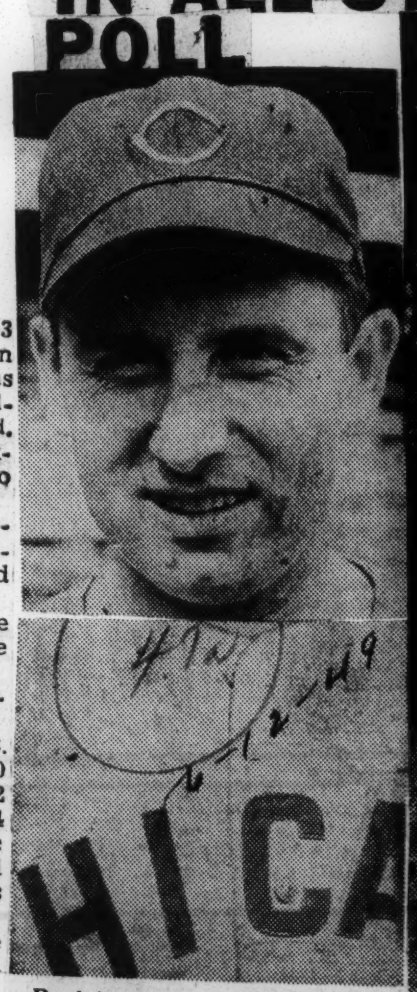
Campy got one hit Saturday in four trips to the plate, while Jackie Robinson, the Dodger regular second sacker, got one double and was credited with a sacrifice.

Campanella, who came to the Dodgers from the Baltimore Elite Giants and played one year with the Nashua, N. H., team of the New

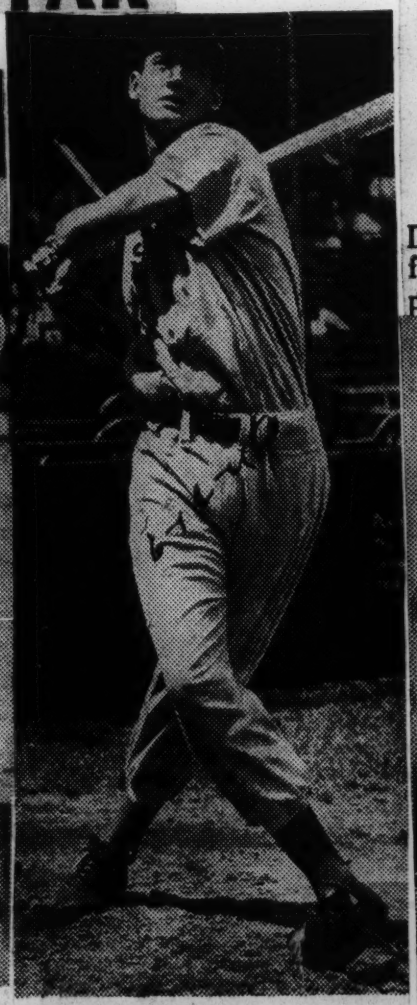


ROY CAMPANELLA

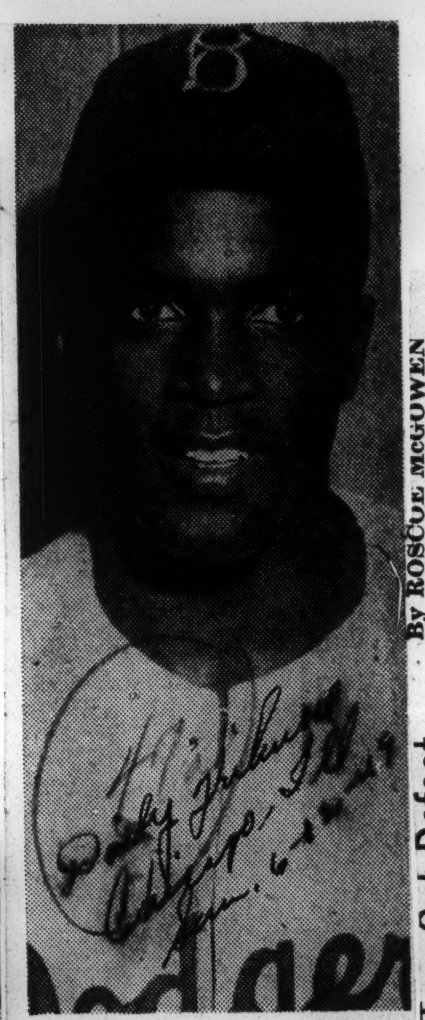
CONTENDERS IN ALL-STAR POLL



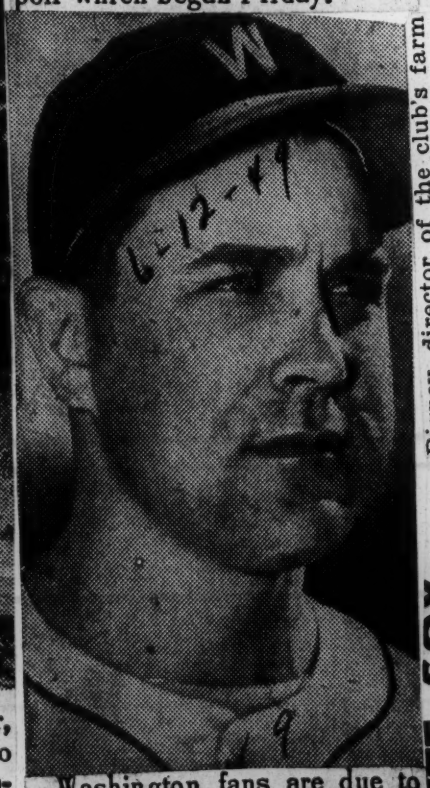
Robinson is due to be pressed by Cubs' Emil Verban. TRIBUNE is clearing house for poll which ends June 29.



Boston Red Sox outfielder, Ted Williams, is expected to receive support from 491 centers collecting ballots.



Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn Dodgers second baseman, early favorite in All-Star baseball poll which began Friday.



Washington fans are due to support Senators' Ed Robinson. All-Star baseball game will be played in Brooklyn July 12.

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

A ninth-inning rally materialized at Ebbets Field yesterday but it brought only anguish to the Dodgers and the 28,396 cash customers who had turned out hoping to see the Brooks regain the ground they had lost the night before.

For it was the rampant Redbirds from St. Louis who put on the final surge, scoring twice to beat the league leaders, 5—4, and cut the Brooklyn first place margin to a mere half game.

With Two Out Defeat the Brooklyn Team

WATCH THRILLER Is Loser After Hodges' Great Catch Starts Double Play—Ted Wilks Victor

Rigney, director of the club's farm system, hired John Donaldson, a former Kansas City Monarch pitcher, as a part-time scout.

Donaldson was a Negro American League leading hurler for a dozen years, beginning 1922.

WHITE SOX HIRE NEGRO SCOUT

CHICAGO — Chicago's long-time entry, the 9th place White Sox, made it clear this week that it was interested in some of the first-class talent to be found among Negro ballplayers.

CARDS' 2 IN 9TH WIN Hits by Marion, Garagiola

To keep a weather eye out for what talent was still unhired, John

Slats Marion, the tallest and still one of the better shortstops extant, up with two out and two strikes against him, slashed a single to right for his first hit in twenty-three times at bat to score Stan (The Man) Musial with the tying run.

Then Joe Garagiola, a late substitute for Del Rice, slapped Erv Palica's first pitch through the hole to left field to bring Lou Klein across with the winning run.

Thus young Palica, appearing in relief in the fourth straight game and five of the last six, during which he won two and lost two, was tagged with his fifth loss, while stocky Ted Wilks, the Cardinals' premier fireman, picked up his eighth triumph.

One Runner Off Ted

Wilks, who took over at the start of the eighth after Gerry Staley had retired for a futile pinch hitter, gave the Dodgers no chance. He set them down in order in the eighth and permitted only Gene Hermanski to reach first on a pass after two were out in the ninth.

Ted fanned four Dodgers and his final strike-out was most painful of all, for Duke Snider, who had doubled and scored the first run of the game in the opening inning, stood and watched the third strike whiz over the plate to end the game.

There were several thrills in the tense battle but that ninth inning supplied the top one of all with an extraordinary double play that seemed to have pulled Palica out of trouble and insured a Brooklyn victory.

Jack Banta, who had taken over for Joe Hatten in the seventh, when the Cards tied it at 3—3, walked Musial to open the ninth and was derricked in favor of Palica.

Fumbles Jones' Bunt

That youngster promptly fumbled Nippy Jones' sacrifice bunt when there was a chance for a force play at second base, and both Cards were safe. Then came the play that brought a gasp, then a roar, from the fans.

Gil Hodges came in on the grass, looking for another bunt from Country Slaughter, but the old Gashouse Gang member swung from the heels and connected solidly. Hodges reached with lightning quickness, snared the terrific liner in his glove, turned and raced for the bag to beat Jones for the double play.

Palica walked Klein, however, after going to a full count, and this set the stage for the damaging hits by Marion and Garagiola.

Jackie Robinson had electrified everybody in the seventh inning when, with two out and Peewee Reese on third base via a pass, a sacrifice and an infield out, he suddenly pushed a bunt toward the right side and beat Staley's desperate throw to first base for a hit, the Dodger captain scoring.

Loud Beef by St. Louis

The Cardinals beefed loudly to Umpire Babe Pinelli that Robinson had run in and out of line, interfering with Staley's throw, the ball having hit Robby just before he rolled head over heels in coming into the bag. But the protest was in vain—Manager Eddie Dyer getting chased by Pinelli—just as an earlier Dodger protest to plate umpire Frank Dascoli had brought no results.

The latter squawk came in the seventh inning, which Musial had opened by drawing a pass from Hatten. Jones singled sharply to right, Stan stopping at second, and Slaughter, already the author of a second-inning triple and the Cards first run, came up.

The count on Slaughter went to two-and-two, then Hatten sent curve ball across that all t Dodgers last night still we claiming was a perfect thi strike. Dascoli called it a ba then Slaughter lined a single right, scoring Musial, and Ban replaced Hatten.

Jack fanned Klein but the tyin run came over when Marion slice a long fly to left, on which He manski had to make a good, run ning catch.

Jack Hits First Pitch

Robinson singled to left to score Snider in the first inning, Jackie hitting the first pitch, and Jack scored the second run in the sixth on a single to center by Carl Furillo after walking and advancing on Hodges' sacrifice.

Hodges tallied in the second to give the Brooks their second lead, Gil singling to left center at the start and riding home on Billy Cox's long double to left center—a hard drive that skipped by Chuck Diering.

Eddie Kazak socked a double to left center in the wake of Slaughter's triple in the second and that blow put the Cardinal third baseman out of the game. His hard slide into second base sprained his right angle and he was carried off on a stretcher.

An X-ray examination by a Brooklyn technician revealed no break but the sprain will sideline the National League's all-star third sacker for several days.

Reese Gets the Marbles

Reese celebrated his thirtieth birthday before the game but not afterward. Among his gifts was a handful of marbles given him by Red Munger and Howie Pollet, who told him they had taken up a collection among Cardinal players. (Reese once was the marble champion in his home town of Louisville, Ky., and that's the reason for the nickname). Pee Wee posed for cameramen in the clubhouse holding a couple of big birthday cakes.

Carl Erskine was Shotton's fourth pitcher and did his bit by slipping a called third strike over on Wilks to end the sad ninth.

Staley stopped the Dodgers in the sixth when they had a rally going because of an error by Marion just after Furillo had driven Robby home. Slats booted Cox's hot grounder and Billy made second and Furillo third on the misplay. But Roy Campanella was purposely passed and Hatten killed the rally by slapping into a double play.

Dyer, starting Staley instead of Pollet yesterday, said he would have used the southpaw stylist had Shotton started Don Newcombe. Today it will be Pollet and Newcombe.

The Box Score

ST. LOUIS (N.)	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Diering, cf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Schoend't,2b	4	0	0	5	4	0
Musial, rf	2	2	0	0	0	0
Jones, 1b	3	1	1	9	0	0
Slaughter,lf	4	1	2	0	0	0
Kazak, 3b	1	0	1	0	0	0
Klein, 3b	2	1	1	1	0	0
Marion, ss	4	0	1	2	3	1
D.Rice, c	2	0	0	4	2	0
aH.Rice	1	0	0	0	0	0
Garagiola, c	1	0	1	5	0	0
Staley, p	1	0	0	0	2	0
bNorthey	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wilks, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	31	5	8	27	11	1

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Reese, ss	4	1	2	0	3	0
Herm'ski,lf	3	0	0	5	0	0
Snider, cf	5	1	1	3	0	0
Robinson,2b	3	1	2	3	5	0
Hodges, 1b	3	1	1	11	0	0
Furillo, rf	4	0	2	2	0	0
Cox, 3b	4	0	1	0	2	0
Campan'la,c	3	0	0	3	1	0
Hatten, p	3	0	0	0	0	0
Banta, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palica, p	0	0	0	0	0	1
Erskine, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
cJorgensen	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	33	4	9	27	11	1

aFlied out for D. Rice in eighth.
bFlied out for Staley in eighth.
cStruck out for Erskine in ninth.

St. Louis	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	—5
Brooklyn	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	—4

Runs batted in—Robinson 2, Kazak, Cox, Furillo, Slaughter, Marion 2, Garagiola.
Two-base hits—Snider, Kazak, Cox, Reese, Diering. Three-base hit—Slaughter. Sacrifices—Hodges, Hermanski, Jones. Double plays—Cox, Robinson and Hodges; Reese, Robinson and Hodges; Marion, Schoendienst and Jones; Hodges(unassisted). Left on bases—St. Louis 4, Brooklyn 8. Bases on balls—Off Staley 3, Wilks 1, Hatten 2, Banta 1, Palica 1. Struck out—By Staley 4, Wilks 4, Hatten 1, Banta 1, Erskine 1. Hits—Off Staley 9 in 7 innings, Wilks 0 in 2, Hatten 5 in 6, Banta 1 in 2, Palica 2 in 2-3, Erskine 0 in 1-3. Passed balls—Campanella. Winner—Wilks (8-3). Loser—Palica (7-5). Umpires—Dascoli, Pinelli, Gore and Robb. Time of game—2:29. Attendance—28,396.

Brown, Robinson, Campanella Swat Circuit Clouts In Win

Brooklyn Gets 8th Straight Victory Over Reds In Ebbetts Field; Newcombe Hangs Up No. 7

BROOKLYN, July 15—(AP)—Home runs by Tommy Brown, Roy Campanella and Jackie Robinson plus some sloppy fielding enabled the Brooklyn Dodgers to trounce the Cincinnati Reds, 11-5, today.

The triumph was the Dodgers' eighth straight over the Reds at Ebbets Field this season.

Brown poled his first homer of the season with Gil Hodges and Luissolmo on base in the second inning to begin the rout.

The Dodgers nicked balding Ken Raffensberger for two more runs in the fourth with the aid of an error by Ted Kluzewski.

Olmo singled to start the rally and was forced at second by Brown. Campanella followed with a single and Kluzewski then allowed Pitcher Don Newcombe's grounder to skip by him into right field, Brown scoring from second on the play, and Campanella moving to third. Pee Wee Reese delivered Campanella with a single.

The Dodgers polished off Raffensberger in the fifth, scoring five runs on one hit. Raffensberger walked the first two batters and then tossed late to third on Hodges' sacrifice. Bud Lively took over at this point and his first pitch to pinch-hitter Duke Snider got away from Cooper for a passed ball, two runs scoring and Hodges scampering to third on the play. Snider walked and after Hodges scored as Brown grounded out, Campanella smacked his 12th homer.

CINCINNATI	ab	h	o	a
Walker,rf	4	0	0	1
Lowrey,lf	3	0	3	0
Dobernic,p	1	0	0	1
aLitwhiler	0	0	0	0
Hatton,3b	5	0	1	2
Cooper,c	3	1	0	2
Stallcup,ss	4	2	2	3
Wyrstk,cf-lf	4	2	1	0
Klszwski,1b	4	2	10	0
Adams,2b	3	1	6	3
Rffnsbrgr,p	1	1	0	1
Lively,p	0	0	0	0
Merriman,cf	2	1	1	0
Totals	34	10	24	13

BROOKLYN	ab	h	o	a
Reese,ss	4	1	3	4
Cox,3b	5	0	2	3
Furillo,rf	3	1	1	0
Robinson,2b	4	1	2	4
Hodges,1b	3	1	10	0
Olmo,cf	2	2	4	0
Snider,cf	1	0	1	0
Brown,lf	4	2	0	0
Campanlla,c	4	2	4	0
Newcombe,p	3	0	0	2
Totals	33	10	27	13

a—Walked for Dobernic in 9th.

Cincinnati	000	110	120—	5
Brooklyn	030	251	00x—	11

SUMMARY — Runs: Cooper 2, Stallcup, Wyrostek, Kluszewski, Furillo, Robinson 2 Hodges 2, Olmo, Snider, Brown 2, Campanella 2. E: Kluszewski. RBI: Brown 4, Cooper, Reese, Walker, Campanella 2, Robinson, Adams, Wyrostek 2. 2B: Olmo, Wyrostek 2. Home runs: Brown, Cooper, Campanella, Robinson. S: Raffensberger, Hodges. DP: Robinson, Reese and Hodges 2; Hatton, Adams and Kluszewski. Left: Cincinnati 7, Brooklyn 5. BB: Off Raffensberger 3, Lively 2, Newcombe 4, Dobernic 1. SO: By Raffensberger 1, Dobernic 1, Newcombe 4. HO: Raffensberger 7 in 4 innings (none out in fifth); Lively 2 in 2; Dobernic 1 in 2. PB: Cooper. Winner: Newcombe (7-2). Loser: Raffensberger (9-8). U: Warneke, Stewart and Conlan. T: 2:06. A: 8,581 paid.

Dodger Manager Asserts That Roy Is a Spring Hitter

(Special to The Courier)

BROOKLYN—Roy Campanella will get a lot of votes in the balloting for the National League all-star catcher, but as of the moment, ironically, he wasn't even top man on the Dodgers any more.

Campanella lost the first-string assignment to Bruce Edwards last week and with Edwards beginning to hit and throw as he did in 1947 when he was the league's best catcher, big Roy is going to have a hard time getting his old job back.

CAUGHT LONE TWIN BILL

Burt Shotton benched him last Tuesday at the Polo Grounds, the night after he'd caught twenty-two innings in a long double-header with the Giants. He was back on the job before the night was over, when Edwards bruised a foot with a foul tip and he caught the first two games of the series with the steaming Cardinals. But when the Dodgers lost both of them in heart-breaking fashion and Campy got only one single in the two games, he was asked to sit down in the finale with the Cards.

With Edwards back of the bat, the Dodgers won two in a row and even in defeat Sunday, Bruce was a potent factor with a homer and a double. So Campy may have to sit on the bench for quite a spell.

Shotton indicated this when he said, "The records all say that Campanella is strictly a spring hitter. In two weeks, his average had fallen off over forty points and this morning he was down at .277.

JACKIE PACES TEAM

Meanwhile, the Dodgers continue to rise and fall with Jackie Robinson. Robbie's big bat lost some of its steam during the week, but it was still belting the ball at a horrid .345 clip at week's end. Just like the Dodgers, Jackie had his big moments and his bad ones last week.

He won the first of the big Memorial double-header with the Giants with a homer into the right field seats in the top of the third inning. He got two hits in the nightcap, but the Dodgers lost because Ralph Branca didn't have Robbie got three hits in the seven-inning thriller the next day, but none of them figured in relief jobs and the other one hardly counted because the game was far lost before he ever got in there.

Hitless in two of the three games with the Cards, he bounced back to help the Dodgers win a wild 8-6 battle with the Pirates Saturday with his bat and his flying feet. In the top of the eighth he threw away a double play ball which let the Pirates tie the score at 6-6. But Jackie bounced back again as he does so often.

SHOWS SPEED

He led off the Dodger half with a single and legged it from first to third on Gil Hodges' sacrifice. It was from there that he scored the winning run on Carl Furillo's single through the drawn-in infield.

Robinson is almost a sure bet to be the All-Star second baseman comes next Month at Ebbets Field. He's such a stickout in every sense. He leads the league in RBIs with forty. He's tied for the lead in stolen bases at eight with Pee Wee Reese. His .343 average puts him within sriking distance of Willard Marshall, currently the league's top belter.

Meanwhile, Don Newcombe is finding the going rough. He mopped up for one inning last Monday against the Giants without suffering any noticeable damage. On Thursday he had a three-hitter going into the ninth against the Cards and was only three outs away from a 4-1 triumph. But singles by Red Schoendienst and Marty Marion and Ron Northey's double made it 4-3, Newcomb stiffened to get Hal Rice for the second out, but then Eddie Kazak tied the score at 4-4 with a single and knocked out the big fellow. The Dodgers lost that one in the fourteenth, 7-4.

Newcombe was sent back to relieve against the Pirates Saturday afternoon with the Dodgers owning a 6-3 lead in the eighth inning. But he didn't have it this time. He pitched to four batters and yielded two singles and an unholy triple to deepest right center by Les Fleming.

The feeling still is, though, that big Don will be quite a pitcher before the summer's over. It could be that he should not be used in relief between starts. He hasn't shown well in three of his four

Campanella Slams Out 13th Homer

BROOKLYN—Roy Campanella poled his 13th home run of the season here Sunday when the Brooklyn Dodgers defeated the Chicago Cubs, 4-3, as a pinch-hitter for Pitcher Carl Erskine. Jackie Robinson secured a single and double on three trips to the plate. Both played errorless ball.

THOMPSON GETS TWO

NEW YORK — Henry (Hank) Thompson, Giants' second-sacker and lead-off man, hammered out a double and single Sunday while the New Yorkers were losing, 10-1, to the St. Louis Cardinals.

LARRY DOBY MUFFLED

CLEVELAND — Larry Doby was held to one hit, a double, in eight trips during a Sunday doubleheader here as the Cleveland Indians split with the Boston Red Sox, 4-2, and 2-1. He handled four chances without a flaw.

JETHROE ON RAMPAGE

MONTREAL—Sammy Jethroe went on a rampage Sunday as the Montreal Royals split with the Rochester Red Wings, dropping the first contest, 13-12, and taking the night cap, 9-0.

In the opener, Jethroe poled a three-run homer for his only hit of the game. He stole three bases and handled seven perfect chances. In the nightcap, he got two for four, scored two runs and sacrificed, batted in a run and played errorleball afield, handling five chances.

Dan Bankhead, starting hurler in the opener, was chased after 6 1-3 innings, after giving up seven walks, he struckout three and allowed nine hits. He was followed by five other Montreal hurlers. Himes was the losing pitcher.

At bat, Bankhead hit three for three and scored a run.

PALICA HIT DECIDES

Brooks' Hurler, in Relief of Newcombe, Singles in Ninth to Win

CAMPANELLA GETS HOMER

Giants' Errors Help Dodgers Remain Single Game Behind League-Leading Cards

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Just 2 hours and 21 minutes after the Giants and Dodgers yesterday had begun the third game of their Ebbets Field series, Erv Palica topped a ball toward first base, Joe Lafata missed his grab for it and Bruce Edwards raced across the plate to give Brooklyn a 5-4 victory in the ninth inning with one out.

Lafata, who had muffed three chances to break up the ball game with a solid hit and who had compiled a hitless streak of "24 for 0," finally broke under the frustration. Edwards scarcely had crossed with the winning run when Joe picked up the ball and fired it into the upper left-field stand back of third base.

Palica, who had replaced Don Newcombe in the sixth inning after the Negro righthander had allowed three straight hits with none out, thus was credited with batting in the run that resulted in his eighth triumph in his forty-seventh relief appearance. Erv has started only one game this year.

Palica thus enabled the second-place Brooks to remain one game behind the National League's leading Cardinals.

Impressive Relief Job

The youngest Dodger of 'em all didn't do it impressively, so far as his batting went—although his roller was scored as a hit—but his relief pitching was tops.

The Giants' fourth and tying run in the seventh inning crossed on singles by Bill Rigney and Whitey Lockman, but was unearned because Duke Snider let Rigney's single go through him for an error that put Bill on third.

The only safety Erv allowed thereafter was a harmless single by Sid Gordon in the eighth. Palica set the last five Giants down in order.

Edwards opened the ninth by drawing a pass from Kennedy—Montia's fifth of the game. After Roy Campanella had sliced a liner to Willard Marshall, Edwards moved to third when Rigney let Snider's hot grounder go through for a two-base error.

With manager Barney Shotton disdaining to send in a pinch hitter for his young pitcher, Palica missed one strike and looked at one ball before the swing that ended the game.

Only two of the Brooks' runs were earned, both in the third inning. Campanella accounted for the first by whacking a two-and-one pitch into the upper left-field stand for his twentieth homer.

Newcombe Singles and Scores

Newcombe singled off the crippled Gordon's glove, went to third on Peewee Reese's single to left center and raced home when Eddie Miksis sent a long fly to Lockman.

Hank Thompson bounced a double off the slanting side of the scoreboard in right to open the fourth. With two out, he scored the first New York run on Gordon's clean shot to left center.

Then the Giants took a one-run lead in the sixth. Singles to right by Lockman and Thompson and another to left center by Marshall provided one run and Newcombe's exit cue. Palica walked Bobby Thomson and a tremendous fly by Gordon to Snider scored Thompson and advanced the other runners. Palica struck out the harassed Lafata on three pitches to end that one.

In the sixth the Brooks took a one-run lead on two unearned runs because of errors by Ray Mueller and Thompson. Miksis and Carl Furillo walked at the start and Jackie Robinson put down a perfect bunt toward third base and just beat Gordon's throw to Thompson, covering first, for a hit.

Miksis meanwhile had headed for home and was hung up when Thompson threw to Mueller. When Eddie scrambled back toward third Mueller's throw caromed off his left shoulder and Miksis got back safely on the error.

Gil Hodges, in the throes of a slump, went down swinging and the inning seemed about to end with no score when Edwards

private ceremony in the clubhouse before the game, received the Commander's Citation from the Queens County Catholic War Veterans. The presentation, made by William H. O'Neill, Belle Harbor, county commander, was because of Jackie's appearance before the House Un-American Committee in answering Paul Robeson. The citation stated that "By his voluntary appearance and by his firm stand against communism" Robinson had "assured the whole nation of the unswerving loyalty of the American Negroes and has earned the gratitude and commendation of the whole American people."

The box score:

NEW YORK (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Rig'y, ss-3b	4	1	1	4	2	1
Lockman, lf	5	1	2	2	0	0
Th'pson, 2b	4	2	2	3	2	1
Marshall, rf	4	0	1	3	0	0
Th'mson, cf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Gordon, 3b	4	0	2	1	1	0
Kerr, ss	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lafata, 1b	3	0	0	6	0	0
Mueller, c	3	0	0	4	2	1
Kennedy, p	3	0	0	0	1	0
Total	33	4	8	*25	9	3

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Reese, ss	2	0	1	4	3	1
Miksis, 3b	3	1	0	0	0	0
Furillo, rf	3	1	0	0	0	0
Rob'son, 2b	4	0	2	3	3	0
Hodges, 1b	4	0	0	7	1	0
Edwards, lf	3	1	0	1	0	0
Camp'lla, c	4	1	1	5	2	0
Snider, cf	4	0	1	6	0	1
N'combe, p	2	1	2	1	1	0
Palica, p	1	0	1	0	0	0
Total	30	5	8	27	10	2

*One out when winning run scored.

New York	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0—4
Brooklyn	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1—5

Runs batted in—Campanella, Miksis, Gordon 2, Marshall, Edwards, Lockman, Palica.

Two-base hit—Thompson. Home run—Campanella. Sacrifices—Kennedy, Palica. Double plays—Robinson, Reese and Hodges; Kennedy, Rigney and Lafata; Gordon and Lafata. Left on bases—New York 7, Brooklyn 6. Bases on balls—Off Kennedy 5, Newcombe 3, Palica 1. Struck out—By Kennedy 2, Newcombe 1, Palica 3. Hits—Off Newcombe 5 in 5 innings, Palica 3 in 4. Wild pitch—Palica. Winner—Palica (8—8). Loser—Kennedy (11—12). Umpires—Warneke, Stewart and Conlan. Time of game—2:21. Attendance—20,570

Dodger Catcher Leading Both Leagues at the Bat

His .463 Average Hottest Thing in Majors; Shotton Elevates Him to No. 5 Slot in Order

BROOKLYN—It is safe to say that it is no fault of Roy Campanella that the Brooklyn Dodgers dropped three straight games to the Philadelphia Phillies over the past weekend and, as of Monday morning, had dropped into a 3-way tie for fourth place in the National League standings.

The sizzling bat of the chunky Flatbush backstopper kept up its rat-a-tat-tat on senior loop pitching to such a tune that as the current week got under way, Campanella was leading both leagues in the percentage column, was tied for the lead in his own circuit in home-runs and second in the same group in runs-batted-in.

Monday morning statistics showed Campy keeping his head high in the ultra-select company of such National League stalwarts as Pee Wee Reese, Earl Torgeson, of the Boston Braves, and the New York Giants' spring sensation, Sid Gordon. Here's the way the fiures read:

Undaunted by the fact that his teammates, with the exception of his shortstop and captain, Reese, were having trouble with alien flinging, Campanella continued his merry tune by rapping out three homers during the past week, two of them in one game and representing his club's only scoring in that particular contest.

Promoted to Cleanup

In addition to his four circuit smashes, Roy has blasted two doubles and 13 singles. So torrid has been the pace he's kept that Manager Burt Shotton on Wednesday abandoned a hard-and-fast rule of his by lifting him up to the No. 5 spot in the batting order. The graying boss of the Brooks has always held to the belief that a catcher should be used in the eighth position in the lineup.

Elevation to the fifth slot has served to focus attention on the shocking impotency of Jackie Robinson's willow in the recent Dodger games. Jackie, in the throes of a protracted slump, has had all kind of trouble getting the ball to fall safely. While he has been meeting it with consistency, Robbie has endured the pain of watching it go directly at a fielder or seeing a defensive player turn in a scintillating catch to rob him.

As a consequence, Jackie, who led the Dodgers in all departments during the 1948 campaign, is unable to get away from the anemic average that has hung onto him like a leech since opening day.

Jackie Unworried

Jackie, however, has refused to let it get him down. "Every year," he says, "I go through these periods when everything seems to go wrong. I'm not worried about it. I've seen it happen before and all of a sudden I've come out of it. Just like that. In the meantime, Campy's taking care of both our ends."

Campanella, exuding the same confidence he had last year when he was relegated to the bullpen throughout the early month, then shipped off to St. Paul, takes the view:

"I've felt all along I could hit. There's been a certain amount of luck with me, for which I'm grateful. I'm glad I've been given the chance to get my eye on the ball through regular play. You know, when a guy's in the bullpen, he can't hit any kind of pitching, big league or otherwise."

MAJORS' LEADING BATSMEN

	G	Ab	R	H	Avg
Camp'la, Bk...	13	41	10	19	.463
Groth, Det. ...	12	42	9	18	.429
Mitchell, Cleve.	6	24	2	10	.407
Cavare'ta, Cubs	12	46	7	18	.392
Stallcup, Cin..	10	36	1	14	.389
Colem'n, Yanks	12	44	5	16	.364

RUN BATTED IN

National

Reese, Brooklyn	14
Torgeson, Braves	14
Campanella, Brooklyn	13

American

Groth, Detroit	18
Stephens, Red Sox	17
Wright, A's	13

HOME RUNS

Torgeson, Braves	4

American

Stephens, Red Sox	5
Groth, Detroit	4
Graham, Browns	4

National

Campanella, Brooklyn	4
Gordon, Giants	4
Reese, Brooklyn	4

Defensive Genius

In addition to his stellar offensive work, Campy's catching has caught the eye of the entire baseball public. His receiving, always his strongest point, has been brilliant; his handling of pitchers has pleased both Shotton and Branch Rickey, and his throwing has been a thorn in the side to the opposition.

Twice during the Phillies series, Richie Ashburn, the Quakers' blonde lightning, tried to pilfer second on the Campanella arm. And twice he was sorry he took such liberty.

Campanella Paces Bums To 5-1 Win

Brooklyn, May 4 (AP).—Roy Campanella, Brooklyn's husky catcher banged out two hits today to run his 7 consecutive hitting streak through ten games while leading the Dodgers to a 5-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The 27-year old New York Negro, who leads the National League in batting, upped his mark to .469 with a single and rouble. He figured in Brooklyn's two spurts with a stolen base, run batted in and two runs scored in addition to his two safeties.

Cincinnati	AB	H	O	A
Hatton,3b	4	0	1	2
W'ostek,cf	4	1	2	0
L'whiler,cf	3	2	1	0
Sauer,lf..	3	1	0	0
Bl'orth,2b	4	1	3	4
Stallcup,ss	4	1	1	1
K'ewski,1b	4	0	10	0
Howell,c..	4	0	6	1
Fox,p....	2	0	0	2
B'khart,p.	0	0	0	0
aAdams..	1	1	0	0
F'ovich,p.	0	0	0	1
Totals..	33	7	24	11

Brooklyn	AB	H	O	A
Reese,ss...	3	0	1	6
H'anski,lf	3	1	2	0
McC'lick,lf	1	0	0	0
Snider,cf.	4	1	4	0
R'inson,2b	4	1	5	
C'panella,c	4	2	0	
Cox,3b....	4	1	1	
Hodges,1b	3	3	9	
Furillo,rf.	3	1	3	
Hatten,p.	3	0	2	
Totals..	32	10	27	12

aDoubled for Burkhart in seventh.

Cincinnati	000 100 000—1
Brooklyn	000 203 00x—5

Runs — Wyrostek, Hermanski, Snider, Robinson, Campanella (2). Runs batted in—Hermanski, Bloodworth, Cox, Robinson, Campanella, Hodges. Two-base hits—Robinson, Campanella, Adams, Stallcup. Home run — Hermanski. Stolen base—Campanella. Double plays — Hatton to Bloodworth to Kluszewski, Reese to Robinson to Hodges. Left on bases—Cincinnati, 7; Brooklyn, 6. Bases on balls—Off Fox, 1; urkhart, 1; Fanovich, 1; Hatten, 2. Struck out—By Fox, 3; Fanovich, 1; Burkhart, 1. Hits—Off Fox, 8 in 5 (none out in sixth); Burkhart, 1 i n1; Fanovich, 1 in 2. Winning pitcher—Hatten 2-1). Loser—Fox (1-2) . Umpires—Barr, Ballanfant and Barlick. Time of game—1:50. Attendance—9,229.

BROOKLYN PITCHER TAKES 7-HITTER, 5-1

Hatten Vanquishes Reds, With Campanella Having a Hand in Scoring of 3 Runs

HERMANSKI DRIVES HOMER

Dodgers Bat Out Fox in Sixth With 2 Doubles, 2 Singles Good for 3 Counters

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Getting fine cooperation from the Reds, the Dodgers yesterday moved ck over the .500 mark in the National League race, with a 5-1 victory at Ebbets Field.

There was a lot of cooperation among the Dodgers, too, which was appreciated no little by the 13,229 fans, 4,000 of them high school youngsters on a holiday in the warmth and sunshine.

Oakland Joe Hatten went all the way in a seven-hit performance for his second triumph, Gene Hermanski belted his second home run of the season, and the ever-resounding bat of Roy Campanella, not to mention his speed on the bases, figured largely in three Brooklyn runs.

The Negro catcher's sharp single and theft of second base in the fourth inning paved the way for Billy Cox to drive in the second run, enough to win the ball game.

Roy's double to right center, following a single by Duke Snider and Jackie Robinson's two-bagger in the sixth inning, made doubly sure and sent Howie Fox, Cincinnati starting pitcher, to the showers. When Ken Burkhart replaced Fox, Gil Hodges batted in his first run of the campaign with a clean single to left center. That third run of the inning was the final one of the game.

Bloodworth Bats in Run

Hatten yielded a run in the fourth. Johnny Wyrostek singled to right and, with one out, a pass to Hank Sauer and Jimmy Bloodworth's solid sock to left delivered the Red outfielder to pay dirt.

Singles by Danny Litwhiler and Sauer with one out in the sixth presented a mild threat which Hatten snuffed by getting the next two men on easy force-outs. Bobby Adams whaled a pinch double off the right-center wall in the seventh with two out, but Grady Hatton popped out.

A pass to Litwhiler in the eighth with one out was followed by the Brooks' thirteenth double play of the year. Red Stallcup's resounding double off the right-field concrete in the ninth went for naught when the next two men couldn't hit out of the infield.

Hermanski's homer, to open the fourth, was a drive of nearly 400 feet into the lower left-center field stand on Fox's second pitch. There were two out when Campanella hit safely to pave the way for the second run.

Rookie Frank Fanovich, once an outfielder in the Giant organization, stifled the Dodgers in the last two innings. The only hit off him was a hard smash by Hodges that Hatton couldn't keep in his glove and then couldn't pick up quickly enough.

Streak Reaches 10 Games

Campanella has hit safely in ten straight games, with his streak broken only by failure as a pinch hitter in Philadelphia on April 24. Otherwise he would have a string of 14 games, for he has hit safely in every game he has started.

Hodges has a streak of safe hitting in seven games. Gil batted 1.000 yesterday with a walk and four singles.

Peewee Reese made a fine play on Dixie Howell in the third when the little captain went deep in the hole to snare Howell's hot grounder and throw him out.

Indications now are that Don Newcombe, big Montreal right-handed pitcher, will not become a Dodger soon, perhaps not this season.

The box score:

CINCINNATI (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Hatton, 3b	4	0	0	1	2	0
Wyrostek,cf	4	1	1	2	0	0
Litwh'er, rf	3	0	2	1	0	0
Sauer, lf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Blood'th, 2b	4	0	1	3	4	0
Stallcup, ss	4	0	1	1	1	0
Klus'ski, 1b	4	0	0	10	0	0
Howell, c	4	0	0	6	1	0
Fox, p	2	0	0	0	2	0
Burkhart, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
aAdams	1	0	1	0	0	0
Fanovich, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	33	1	7	24	11	0

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Reese, ss	3	0	0	1	6	0
Herm'ski, lf	3	1	1	2	0	0
M'Cor'k, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Snider, cf	4	1	1	4	0	0
Robinson,2b	4	1	1	5	2	0
Camp'ella, c	4	2	2	0	0	0
Cox, 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0
Hodges, 1b	3	0	3	9	1	0
Furillo, rf	3	0	1	3	0	0
Hatten, p	3	0	0	2	3	0
Total	32	5	10	27	12	0

aDoubled for Burkhart in seventh.

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Runs batted in—Hermanski, Bloodworth, Cox, Robinson, Campanella, Hodges.

Two-base hits—Robinson, Campanella, Adams, Stallcup. Home run—Hermanski. Stolen base—Campanella. Double plays—Hatton, Bloodworth and Kluszewski; Reese, Robinson and Hodges. Left on bases—Cincinnati 7, Brooklyn 6. Bases on balls—Off Fox -, Burkhart 1, Fanovich 1, Hatten 2. Struck out—By Fox 3, Fanovich 1, Burkhart 1. Hits—Off Fox 8 in 5 innings (none out in sixth), Burkhart 1 in 1, Fanovich 1 in 2. Winning pitcher—Hatten (2-1). Losing pitcher—Fox (1-2). Umpires—Barr, Ballanfant and Barlick. Time of game—1:50. Attendance—9,229.

Catcher Hits For Circuit In 2 Games

Dodgers Came Up With Season's First Triple Play As Braves Bow

NEW YORK — (NNPA) — Roy Campanella, regarded by some experts as the best defensive catcher in organized baseball, also is proving potent on the offensive.

Continuing his heavy hitting Friday, as the Dodgers dropped a 5-2 decision to the Philadelphia Phillies, Campanella hammered two homers with the bases empty and a single to provide the only scoring for the Brooks. His

STANKY TRAPPED

With the score tied in the third inning, Sain and Eddie Stanky singled in succession. Then Alvin Dark hit a liner into short left field. Gene Hermanski came tearing in to make a shoestring catch and throw to Jackie, catching Sain off second. Robinson whipped the ball to Gil Hodges before Stanky could get back to first.

At bat four times, Jackie got one hit and scored one run. Campanella, at bat three times, was credited with one hit and one run batted in three times.

BATS IN THREE MATES

The Dodgers catcher got his home run off Monte Kennedy in the sixth inning. At the time, Duke Snider, who got on base through an error, and Jackie Robinson, who had singled, were on the paths ahead of Campanella. Jackie had laid down a perfect bunt for a hit. Campanella hit a

Campanella got one hit, a double, in four times at bat in the game which the Dodgers lost to the Braves Monday, April 25. Jackie went hitless in three trips to the plate.

Burt's Catcher

"The Lord," said old Burt Shotton piously, "made him a good catcher. He'll be another Bill Dickey some day." The white-haired manager of the Dodgers, who sometimes sounds like Scattergood Baines in a baseball cap, was getting off some cracker-barrel confidences on 27-year-old Roy Campanella, his prize backstop and early season big-stick of the hustling Brooklyn Dodgers.

It had been a long time since baseball had had anybody in the same class with the great Yankee catcher: Bill Dickey had a baseball mind like an index file, a deadly whip of a throwing arm, and a booming bat (lifetime batting average: .314). Burt Shotton was predicting a lot when he said he saw another Dickey in his own ball yard, but there was no question about one fact: Brooklyn's Campanella, the third Negro to make a regular berth for himself in the majors, was last week the best catcher in the National League and one of the best in baseball.

"Help the Umpire." Campanella, a broad-beamed, quick-footed man with a sharp ballplayer's mind and reflexes, was hitting as he had never hit before. In 83 games with the Dodgers last year he turned in an indifferent .258. Last week he was leading both leagues with a hefty .400. Campy was not sure that it would last, but he credited his sizzling performance to a new open batting stance worked out in spring training. He almost faces the pitcher now, with his left foot in the bucket, and he has stopped trying to knock every pitch out of the park. ("When you don't make the big swing, you see the ball all the way").

Behind the plate Campy looks like the lowest man on a totem pole and offers a steady, chunky 194-lb. target. More than most catchers today, he works out of a low squat. Says Campy: "I hate for balls to get by me with men on base, so I sit down closer to them." That way, too, he can block low pitches, and "help the umpire." When a catcher is squatting low, he thinks, an umpire is more likely to call strikes because he has a better chance to see them.

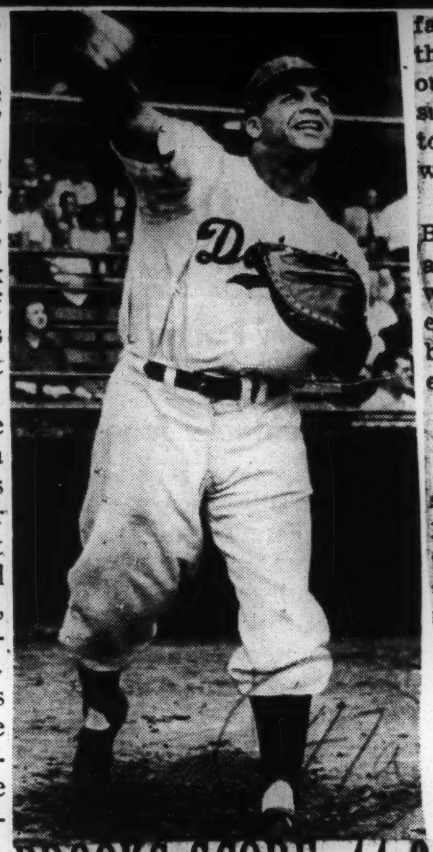
"Home & Find Out." Dodger pitchers have a healthy respect for the way smart, confident Roy Campanella handles them. "Roy really settles you down," said Lefty Joe Hatten last week. "If I get mad or get working too fast, he takes my mind off it." Added Elwin ("Preacher") Roe, "When I'm working too fast, Campy makes the trip out to the mound to kill time." Campy says something like this: "Pay that no mind, get this fellow out," or "Maybe your wife has something for ya' at home; you better get this game over and get home quick and find out."

Would-be base-stealers respect him too. In his last 21 games of the 1948 season twelve men tried sneaking a base on him. He threw them all out. In the first 17 games he has caught this year, only six have tried it, and Campy caught three of them. While a 50-50 average is not as good as his record last year, it is just about par for the course.

Home & to Bed. Campanella got to be a catcher for two reasons: 1) he was a born athlete and 2) none of the other kids in his Philadelphia neighborhood ever wanted to catch. In his junior year at Simon Gratz High School (where he had already won letters in baseball, football, basketball and track), the Negro Bacharach Giants offered him $50 a weekend. That was the end of school as far as Campy was concerned. After he left the Bacharach Giants, he went with the Baltimore Elite Giants, backstopped in the eastern U.S., Puerto Rico, Mexico, Venezuela and Cuba in the next few years.

The Dodgers picked up Campanella in 1946, gave him his minor-league training at Nashua, N.H. and Montreal. This year, except in one game of a doubleheader, Burt Shotton hasn't used anyone but Campanella behind the plate.

Fame and money (about $10,000 this year) haven't made much difference in Campy's style of living. With his wife Ruthe and four children (two of them girls) he lives in a white clapboard house in St. Albans, Queens, goes in for big plates of Ruthe's spaghetti, gets to bed most nights by 10 p.m. and is up by 6 a.m.: "In my house," he says, "you got to keep regular hours. The baby, Roy Jr., he's up by then and hittin' the bottle."



BROOKS SCORE, 11-3

Campanella Clouts Two Homers and Reese One in Rout of Reds

NEWCOMBE IS MOUND STAR

Fans Nine and Yields Only Five Hits at Ebbets Field Before 22,155 Fans

By LOUIS EFFRAT

Don Newcombe, upon whose strong right arm Branch Rickey last winter placed a $500,000 price-tag—give or take a few goldbacks—pitched the Dodgers to an 11—3 victory over the Reds yesterday at Ebbets Field.

The burly rookie hurler struck out nine and yielded five hits, two of which were realized in the ninth, as he bagged his third straight, while the first-place Brooks made it six in a row.

Newcombe was the twirler who started the Dodgers on this latest winning string, when he subdued the Pirates last Monday night, fanning eleven Corsairs, and though he fell a run behind at the outset yesterday, belated offensive support by his mates enabled him to coast home a comfortable winner.

Not the least prominent among Brooklyn's dozen safeties against a trio of Cincinnati left handers were two homers by Roy Campanella, his eighth and ninth, and one by Captain Peewee Reese, his eighth.

Out in the Sixth

Ken Raffensberger, the stylish southpaw of the Reds, fashioned a 1-hit shut-out against the Dodgers the last time he faced them, but the fork-ball specialist failed to last six innings yesterday. He was batted out with none away in the sixth and thereafter the home side continued its heavy clubbing against Kent Peterson and Frank Fanovich.

Raffensberger, who had won six games, four by shutouts, was charged with his fifth setback of the season.

Bucky Walters, the Cincinnati pilot, shook up his line-up and when Frankie Baumholtz opened with a triple, Newcombe found himself in immediate danger. Lloyd Merriman bounced to Gil Hodges, Baumholtz holding third, but when Johnny Wyrostek grounded to Jackie Robinson, Baumholtz scampered home.

This edge remained in possession of the slumping visitors until the fourth, when Carl Furillo walked, stole second and went around on Robinson's double to right. It was the forty-eighth run batted in by Robby this year.

All the closeness of the contest vanished in the fifth. Duke Snider, who is supposed to be weak against southpaws, got his second hit of the day, and Campanella followed with a drive into the lower stands in left. Reese, after Newcombe flied out, duplicated Campanella's wallop, making it a three-run inning and a 4-1 lead for the Dodgers.

In the next stanza Furillo doubled, Robinson placed a perfect bunt-single, and Hodges' hit to center scored Furillo. It also brought in Peterson, who managed to retire the side without further damage.

However, Peterson was not that happy in the seventh. A walk to Campanella and successive singles by Reese and Mike McCormick produced a run and called for Fanovich from the bullpen.

The newcomer walked Furillo, loading the bases, and after Robinson popped out, Hodges cleared the bases with a resounding two-bagger to center.

Jimmy Bloodworth hit his seventh homer of the campaign and his third in this series in the eighth. Campanella retrieved that point with a 400-foot drive into the center-field stands in the same round, whereupon pinch-hitter Danny Litwhiler, up for Fanovich in the ninth, smashed his first home run of 1949, ending the scoring as the Reds suffered their fifth straight defeat.

The turnout of 22,155 fans saw the Dodgers win again with the combination of good pitching and opportune hitting. Reese, boosting his consecutive-game batting streak to eleven, manufactured two safeties and Campanella enjoyed a perfect afternoon with his two round-trippers and a pair of walks. Only Billy Cox and Newcombe failed to connect.

Reese, incidentally, left the game in the eighth, Ed Miksis taking over shortstop for the Brooks. This move was explained as merely a rest for Pee Wee. He is bothered slightly by a pain in his side.

Fine Strike-out Record

Newcombe now has fanned thirty-four batters in forty-three and two-thirds innings.

Hodges, the converted backstop, continues to improve as a first-sacker. In the second inning he made a play that would have done justice to a Hal Chase or a Bill Terry. With Ted Kluszewski on first, Bloodworth rapped to Billy Cox at third. The latter fired to Robinson for one out, but his relay was wild. Hodges, however, snared the ball and with the same movement managed to tag Bloodworth, completing the twin-killing.

On the subject of outstanding plays, though, those turned in by Reese in the fifth must be rated tops. Pee Wee went to his right twice to throw out Kluszewski and Virgil Stallcup, each time making perfect long throws while still out of position.

The Brooks had the makings of a big inning in the third, when Snider opened with a double and Campanella walked. It was, indeed, a promising set-up, but Newcombe missed his attempted bunt and Snider was picked off second. Then Newcombe rolled into a double-play, so that Raffensberger, on two pitches, achieved three quick outs.

The box score:

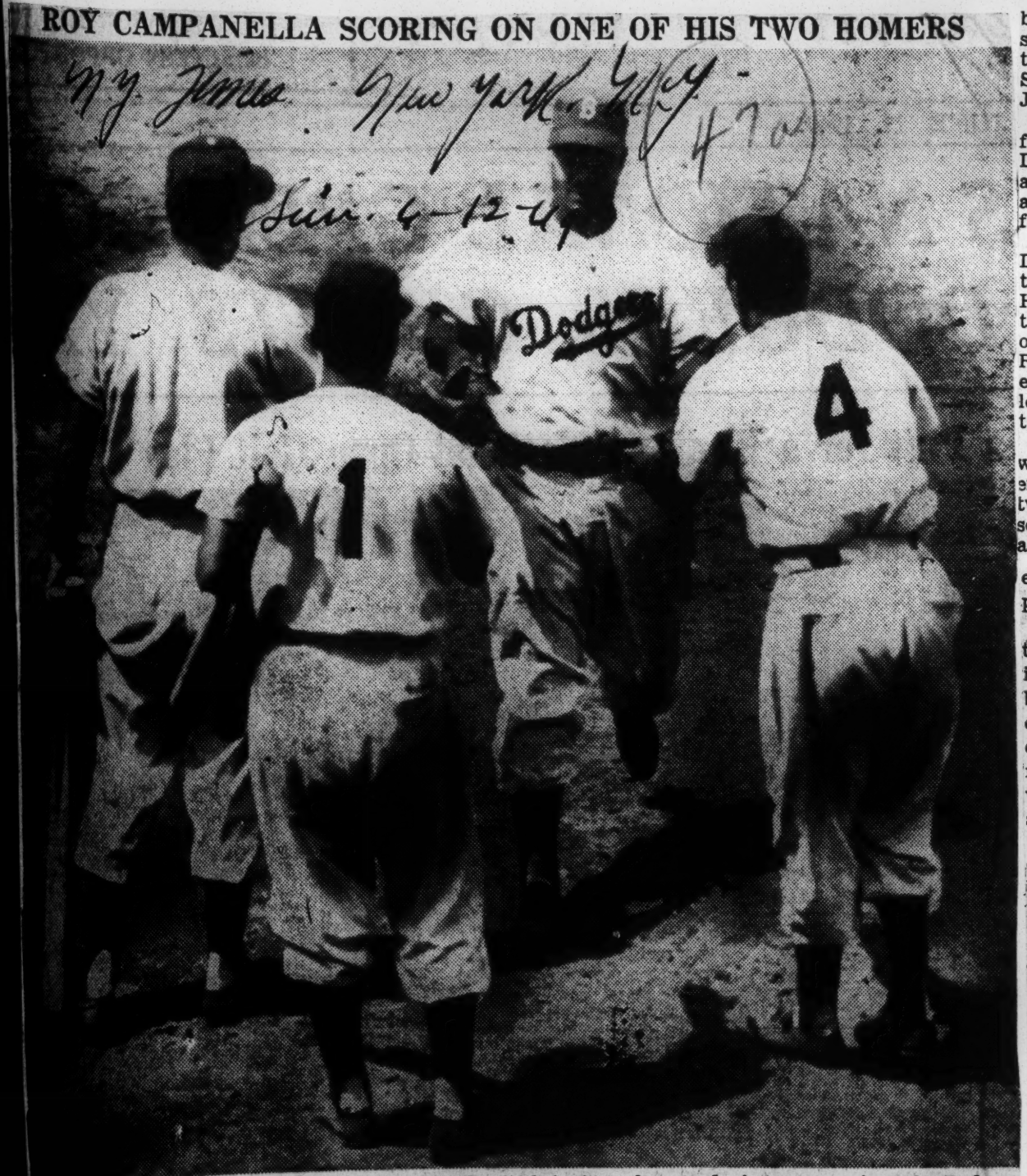
CINCINNATI (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Baumh'tz, lf	4	1	2	2	0	0
Merriman, cf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Wyrostek, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Hatton, 3b	4	0	0	0	1	0
Klus'ski, 1b	4	0	1	9	1	0
Bl'dw'rth, 2b	3	1	1	2	1	0
Adams, 2b	0	0	0	1	1	0
Stallcup, ss	3	0	0	3	5	0
Corbitt, ss	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mueller, c	3	0	0	4	2	0
Raff'er, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
Peterson, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
Fanovich, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
aLitwhiler	1	1	1	1	0	0
Total	30	3	5	24	12	0

aHit homer for Fanovich in ninth.

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Reese, ss	4	2	2	1	4	0
Miksis, ss	1	0	0	0	0	0
McCor'k, lf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Furillo, rf	2	3	1	3	0	0
Robinson, 2b	4	1	2	2	4	0
Hodges, 1b	4	0	2	8	1	0
Cox, 3b	4	0	0	0	1	0
Snider, cf	4	1	2	2	0	0
Camp'lla, c	2	3	2	10	0	1
Newcombe, p	4	0	0	1	1	0
Total	33	11	12	27	11	1

Runs batted in—Wyrostek, Robinson, Campanella 3, Reese, Hodges 4, Cox, McCormick, Litwhiler. Two-base hits—Snider, Robinson. Three-base hit—Baumholtz. Home runs—Hodges, Campanella, 2. Reese, Bloodworth, Litwhiler. Stolen base—Furillo. Double plays—Cox, Robinson and Stallcup; Stallcup, Hodges; Reese, Robinson and Kluszewski. Left on bases—Cincinnati 2, Brooklyn 11. Bases on balls—Off Raffensberger 2, Peterson 1, Fanovich 1, Newcombe 2. Struck out—By Raffensberger 1, Peterson 1, Fanovich 1, Newcombe 9. Hits—Off Raffensberger 8 in 5 innings, Peterson 2 in 1 1-3, Fanovich 2 in 1 2-3. Winner—Newcombe (3—0). Umpires—Warneke, Conlan. Time of game—2:04. Attendance—22,155.

ROY CAMPANELLA SCORING ON ONE OF HIS TWO HOMERS



The Dodger catcher crossing the plate in the fifth inning of yesterday's game against the Reds at Ebbets Field to receive the congratulations of Peewee Reese (No. 1), Duke Snider (No. 4) and the batboy.

DODGERS, BRAVES IN NIGHT CONTEST

Campanella Blasts Homer as Dodgers Score Three Runs in Second Before 10,000

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

Hot on the trail of the Cardinals in the stirring National League pennant race, the Dodgers met the Braves at Ebbets Field last night before a slim turnout of 10,000 spectators. The Brooks, who had polished off the fading 1948 champions three times in a row, were looking for their fifth straight victory. Boston was trying to snap a seven-game losing streak.

The Braves led after five and one-half innings, 4—3.

Jack Banta, the slim young righthander who has done impressive work since being given a turn in the starting rotation, took the mound for Brooklyn. He had a 7-and-5 record. Vern Bickford, a 14-game winner who had dropped nine decisions, was the choice of this visiting club.

Although he was in a heap of trouble, Banta fought his way out of the first inning at the expense of a single run. He started with a flourish by striking out Eddie Stanky, but the Braves then filled the bases on singles by Sibby Sisti and Elbie Fletcher and a walk to Marv Rickert.

Heath Strikes Out

Jeff Heath went down swinging for the second out to relieve the pressure somewhat, but Tommy Holmes lined a single to right that scored Sisti before Banta also breezed a third strike past Connie Ryan.

Pee Wee Reese led off with a single and Johnny Jorgensen tripled for the Dodgers in the first, but since Pee Wee was out at second trying to stretch his blow, the Brooks failed to score. Duke Snider and Jackie Robinson left Jorgensen stranded on third.

In the second, Banta made it four straight strikeouts by fanning Del Crandall, then got Bickford on a foul to Jorgensen and Stanky on a fly to Carl Furillo, who made a fancy running catch in right.

Going to work in earnest, the Dodgers ganged up on Bickford for three runs in the second. Gil Hodges led off with a walk and then Furillo tripled, coming home on Marv Rackley's fly to center. Roy Campanella's eighteenth homer, a towering clout into the lower left field stand, produced the third tally.

The game went along quietly, without further scoring, until the end of the fifth when a clash between Jorgensen and Stanky at second base provoked a free-for-all on the field that led to the ejection of both original participants.

On first as the result of his third straight hit, Jorgensen slid into Stanky in a vain attempt to break up a double play. A fiery exchange must have followed because Jorgensen flew at Stanky, fists swinging, and in a flash both were on the ground clawing away at each other.

In a moment both benches had emptied and there was much milling around. Reese tried to break up the clinch and got knocked down for his pains. Finally, the combatants were separated, Jorgensen being wrestled out of the pack and Stanky being hauled away face down by Gil Hodges, who grabbed him by the ankles.

Smallest Night Crowd

This was the smallest crowd ever to attend a night game in Brooklyn. It was an added starter on the after-dark schedule, making up for a rained-out afternoon contest.

With the Giants coming to Ebbets Field tonight to open a four-game series, the Dodgers will be playing under the lights three nights in a row.

Bob Elliott, Boston's third baseman, was kept on the sidelines by a stiff back.

The line-up:

BOSTON (N.)		BROOKLYN (N.)	
Stanky, 2b		Reese, ss	
Sisti, ss		Jorgensen, 3b	
Fletcher, 1b		Snider, cf	
Rickert, cf		Robinson, 2b	
Heath, lf		Hodges, 1b	
Holmes, rf		Furillo, rf	
Ryan, 3b		Rackley, lf	
Crandall, c		Campanella, c	
Bickford, p		Banta, p	

Umpires—Pinelli, Gore and Robb.

CAMPANELLA STANDOUT AS WORLD SERIES ACE

By TED CARROLL

One bright ray of sunlight shone brightly through the gloom of the Dodger downfall for uptown fans and Brooklyn rooters. Roy Campanella came out of the World Series generally acclaimed as the best catcher since Bill Dickey.

The stocky backstop went into the big baseball show the top man in his league at his position and came out of it hailed as the best in all baseball. As such he shouldn't be overlooked in most valuable player talk. Looking back over the past season Roy looms more and more as an all time great at his position. What catcher has shown more all around ability? He is a real workhorse, who handled 130 games, as a steadying influence for young hurlers he has no superior, gives the runners a hard time of it on the bases with those great snap throws, hits that long ball and is tops as a real team man.

Stood Acid Test

Ac if this isn't enough he's a real gamester. Skulled in Pittsburgh at the height of the pennant scramble Campanella withstood an acid test which has ruined many a courageous ball-player. He came right back not the least bit gun shy, taking the same old toehold as though nothing had happened. This takes real guts.

Camp not only made the All-Star team in his first full season as a Dodger, but he slammed 22 homers only one less than the club leading totals of Hodges and Snider. He worked both ends of doubleheaders in routine fashion, showing no sign of a letdown. He hit a new high in his receiving and throwing in the Series, and blasted one of the six homers hit in the big show. Yankee rivals were unanimous in calling him the best backstop they had opposed this year.

Campanella's emergence as one of baseball's best will come as no surprise to uptowners who had the former Philadelphian pegged as a comer as far back as 1941 when he was a standout in the Negro leagues.

Along with his other talents Campy is conceded to be a real managerial prospect, since he is aggressive without being hot-headed, combines shrewdness and daring, is popular with teammates, fans and foes, is the "solid man" of the ball club and has been playing baseball in one league or another since he was 16 years old.

It may sound far-fetched now

At Presbyterian hospital, he [illegible] concussion when [illegible] by a pitched ball [illegible] probably will be [illegible]-up by the time the [illegible] was knocked out by [illegible] pitch thrown by Bill [illegible] second inning of the [illegible] Brooklyn game. He was [illegible] scious from the field [illegible] but was revived in [illegible]

Dr. Grunnagle reported Campanella suffered a mild concussion above the left temple, near the top of the head. The doctor said Roy will be out of the hospital "in a day or two" and back in the line-up by the time the Dodgers get to St. Louis.

Campanella was kept overnight for a side-arm pitch that struck Were in the second inning of the Pittsburgh-Brooklyn game. He was carried unconscious from the field on a stretcher, but was revived in the club house.

Examined By Brain Surgeon

Campanella Injury Found to Be Slight

Pittsburgh, Sept. 17 (AP)—Roy

"I feel just fine," the big catcher told doctors.

Wendell Smith's Sports Beat

Campanella Proves He's Great . . .

If Dodger followers received any consolation out of Brooklyn's loss to the Yankees in the World Series, it is the fact that Roy Campanella proved once and for all that he is by far the best catcher in the majors today.

The stocky Brooklyn catcher's performance in the series was probably the best ever seen in the fall classic. His defensive work was superb. Brooklyn's pitchers, with the exception of the first two games, were constantly in trouble. But time and again Campanella saved them, pulled them out of tough spots when it seemed there was no way to avert disaster.

His brilliant throwing will go down in the books as the best in history of the big pay-off series. He saved Newcombe from being batted from the box in the first inning of the fourth game by executing a "throwing double play," catching Tommy Henrich napping at second. He also caught the speedy Phil Rizzuto off third base in another instance.

Campanella's work behind the plate was the best seen since Mickey Cochrane was catching for Philadelphia. He made miraculous stops when Brooklyn hurlers were besieged with streaks of wildness. He made a brilliant catch and tag to put out Eddie Lopat in the fourth game and his arm kept the Yankees hugging the bases when they got on.

Roy's rise to the top as a catcher in the majors is not surprising. He has been playing the game he loves since he was 16 years old. A native of Philadelphia, the son of an Italian father and Negro mother, his life's ambition has been to perform in the majors.

When he first came into professional baseball as a member of the Baltimore Elite Giants, Campanella was a victim of the big league color-line.

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Rickey Rates Him With the Greatest . . .

But the ban was up and Roy had to make the best of it playing wherever he could. He spent the summers playing in this country and during the winters he performed on various teams in South America.

After Rickey had signed Jackie Robinson and Johnny Wright in 1945, he sent Clyde Sukeforth out to scout other Negro players. Sukeforth came back singing the praises of Campanella. He said he was by far the best catching prospect he had ever seen. Rickey signed Campy quickly. He spent his first year at Nashua, where he caught and taught Don Newcombe many tricks of the trade. The following season he was at Montreal. His performances there were up to par.

Paul Richards, general manager of the Buffalo club of the International League, and a catcher for Detroit in his playing days, called Roy "the best catcher in any league, majors or minors." He tried to get Detroit to grab him, but the Tigers, owned and operated by one of the most prejudiced men in the majors, refused to heed his pleas.

Even if Mr. Briggs, owner of the Tigers, hod listened, however, it is doubtful that he could have gotten Campanella.

Branch Rickey was sold on the Negro receiver, not only as a catcher but as an individual. Roy possesses a warm and genial personality, the type that seems to envelop you as soon as you meet him. He is probably the most popular members of the Dodgers and a natural leader. Rickey liked Roy so much that in the winter of 1947, he gave him various odd jobs to do to carry him over the financial hump until the season got under way. Campy worked on various baseball matters, usually checking on prospective Negro players, and in general was Rickey's fair-haired boy.

"That boy rates with the greatest catchers of all times," Rickey told us that winter. "He can't miss being an outstanding star in the majors."

Campanella has been just that during his two years in the big leagues.

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Newcombe Needed More Rest . . .

The most hearbreaking game of the series was not the final one, but the first. That was the game Don Newcombe lost on one pitch—an inside fast ball that Tommy Henrich blasted into the stands for the Yankee's thrilling 1 to 0 victory.

Up until that explosion Newcombe and Reynolds had pitched brilliantly. Unfortunately, the Dodgers couldn't get a run for the big rookie, who some day may go down with the game's greatest pitchers. It was not conceivable that he could hold the Yankees all the way. They have a way of getting runs, either explosively or by hook or crook. They finally got that one run and Brooklyn lost the ball game.

Then with a two-day rest, Manager Bert Shotton tried to bring him back again. But that wasn't enough rest. Don had shot his wad in the first game and needed as much rest as it was possible to give him. It was obvious in the very first inning of his second appearance that he didn't have it. He had trouble with his control from the start. He was behind batters constantly. In fact, he was actually wild.

Campanella saved him in the first inning by some brainy throwing. But Campanella couldn't create miracles Don finally had to be pulled. It was asking too much, returning with two days' rest to face the Yankee bombardment.

Thus the Dodgers went down to defeat. With the exception of Newcombe and Preacher Roe, their hurling was poor. Branca, Barney and the relief pitching wasn't what you'd call "big league." It was spotty and erratic. It wasn't good enough to win the world championship.

But the followers of Campanella, Newcombe and Robinson can say with considerable pride that "our boys played the game as it should have been played. They did their best and did it well."

All in all it was a thrilling baseball season . . . and maybe next year Brooklyn can come back and win. You can bet this: They'll have Newcombe, Campanella and—no matter what you hear—Jackie Robinson.

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Bankhead Purchased By Montreal Nine

Montreal, Canada - (NNPA) - Dan Bankhead, a pitcher, has been purchased by the Montreal Royals of the International League from St. Paul of the American Association, it was announced last Tuesday.

Bankhead came into organized baseball when the Brooklyn Dodgers, desperately in need of pitchers to keep in the pennant race of 1947, purchased him from the Memphis Red Sox of the Negro American League. The next season he was sent to Montreal and later sent to St. Paul.

Bankhead Beats Orioles for Sixth Win of Season

Baltimore, Md.

Dan Bankhead, in full possession of his control, chalked up his sixth win of the International season here Wednesday humbling the Baltimore Orioles, 9-4, and lifting Montreal into third place, two-and-a-half games off the pace of the league-leading Buffalo Bisons.

Bankhead Dan, still smarting from Manager Clay Hopper's edict, to stop walking 'em or go back to Montgomery, issued only two free passes to the Bird batters. And he did not come until the eighth and ninth innings. He struck out

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After retiring the first seven Orioles in order, Bankhead fell victim of a poorly played hit and sacrifice fly which barely succeeded in the third.

Single Becomes Triple

The first Baltimore run came when Frank Mancuso lofted sharply to right after Al Zarilla's whiff opening the frame. George Schmees, Royal gardener, fumbled the ball, missed it, then kicked the ball past Sam Jethroe who, the latter was coming over for the back-up. Both then chased it to the temporary fence where Schmees retrieved and threw in, trying to get Mancuso, pulling third.

Joe Payne then hoisted a long whose peg to the plate was close to Steve Lembo but the catcher to handle.

Mancuso scoring.

The Orioles added another run in the fourth when Bob Repass slammed one of Bankhead's grooved fast balls into the leftfield stands for a homer. Two more single tallies came across in the eighth and ninth. Red McQuillen pushed Bob Young across after the latter got a life on a force-out and moved to second on the Orioles' first walk. In the ninth, Cihocki doubled to register on Young's one-baser two outs later.

Never Behind

The Royals gave Bankhead a two-run start in the first, putting together two walks, Bob Morgan's double and a single by Chuck Connors. The Bank was on top of the opposition thereafter.

Dan Bankhead

Dan Bankhead Wins Fourth Straight Game for Royals

Pittsburgh Courier Pittsburgh Pa

Sat. 6-4-49

By SAM MALTIN

MONTREAL—With Danny Junior, celebrating his second month's birthday, on hand to watch his daddy pitch, Dan Bankhead Sr., couldn't disappoint his offspring and came through with his fourth victory of the season, beating Rochester Red Wings, 8-2, before a crowd of over 13,000.

Little Danny wasn't very appreciative of his old man's efforts. He slept right through the game, waking up in time to pose for a Courier photo after the game.

A six-run Montreal rally in the eighth inning broke up a two-all tie to give Bankhead a perfect count for the season, without a loss as yet. Big Dan was only in trouble once against the Red Wings, when his wildness threatened a call to the showers, but he got out of it before there was too much damage done. It all happened in the fifth, when after getting one opponent out, Bankhead walked two in a row, after getting two strikes and no balls on the batter. He got hold of himself in time to strike out the fourth man to face him in that frame.

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HELPS ON CAUSE

A line drive scored a run after a good throw had the runner beat, but Tobby Atwell, the Montreal, catcher, broke a knee cap in his effort to tag the Red Wing, and the latter came in with the counter, while Atwell went out to the hospital and will be out for the season. Bankhead helped his own cause in the second inning when he smashed a double, breaking the bat, to score what looked like the winning tally, until it was tied in the fifth. Danny looked hot right from the start with only Russ Derry, Rochester outfielder, spoiling things with a 300-foot homer in the initial stanza. For three innings the wings went down in order.

Striking out five batters and walking three, Bankhead again showed that he'll play an important role in Montreal's chase for their second league pennant in a row.

Fast-stepping Sammy Jethroe is still the most feared base runner in the International Baseball League. His seventeen stolen bases lead the loop and if he keeps up his average, he's bound to set a new all time mark for a Montreal player, now held by Marvin Rackley with sixty-five. With two-thirds of the season yet to go, Jethroe could make it ninety stolen bases if he goes on as he does.

Playing the game as the lead off batter should, Sammy leads the club in runs scored, but it's his great fielding in the center pasture that has the fans agog. He does practically the impossible out there, catching balls hanging on the fence, picking up shoe-string catches with the greatest of ease. Few opponents dare to make a run for it when he gets hold of the white overgrown pill as his arm and control stands him well. In fact Sammy has been in the habit of late of trying his hand at pitching to fellow teammates during workouts and may have ideas to switch to the mound.

their lack of hitting, and gave them the push needed to go ahead and win the next fixture to tie up the series.

Bankhead had his fast ball singing over the plate. His curve was a puzzle to the visiting batsmen, and best of all was his perfect control. He kalked only four men, struck out six and allowed only five hits for a 3-1 triumph.

Right from the first inning of the third tilt of the best-of-seven set it was apparent that the big hurler was in for one of his better games, throwing forked lightning up to the plate as he mowed down the opposition and sent them back to their dugout wondering at the master moundsman.

Bankhead Has the Stuff But No Control

Courier

Sat. 10-15-49

Montreal Pitching Ace Has All the Makings of a Big League Star; May Get Chance Next Year.

Pittsburgh Pa

By SAM MALTIN

MONTREAL — Dapper Dan Bankhead, Montreal Royals' ace moundsman, still continues to pitch hot and cold. The latter may keep him in the minors for another seasoning, though rumors have Dan sold to the Boston Braves.

When Dan is hot, there's no stopping him; but no one knows, even Dan, when he's going to be hot. Control, or lack of it, has been the main drawback that's keeping Dan away from top-mound honors in the big leagues.

If Dan could keep up with the great pitching genius he showed in his victory over the Indianapolis Indians in the Little World Series here last week, Dan would have fame and fortune waiting for him. It was his great mound work that gave Montreal their first victory of the series, after dropping the first two tilts to the American visitors. The win lifted the Royal players from the depths of despair due to

Dan Bankhead Racks Up Ninth Win For Royals

Defender Chicago

TORONTO (NNPA)—Dan Bankhead won his ninth game of the season here last Tuesday night, as the Montreal Royals won a 13-inning game from the Toronto Maple Leafs, 4 to 2.

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Bankhead and Oscar Judd tied up in a pitcher's duel. Each team scored a run in its half of the third inning, and the game went into the top half of the thirteenth with the count knotted at 1-all, when Sam Jethroe and Gino Cimoli scored on a wild throw. Chuck Connors batted in Bill Morgan for the Royals' final run of the game.

Mike Goliath's triple, scoring Alex Garbowski, accounted for the first run off Bankhead. Dan pitched a home run ball to Eddie Sanicki in the bottoms half of the thirteenth for the Maple Leafs' second run.

Bankhead gave up only seven hits over the 13-inning route. He fanned five batters and walked eight men. Judd, who pitched 12 innings for Toronto, gave up nine hits, struck out two batters and walked four men. It was Judd's third loss of the season.

Bankhead brought up from Montreal by the Dodgers

NEW YORK — Pitcher Dan Bankhead, top righthander of the Montreal Royals, was officially brought up last week by Branch Rickey to bolster the battered pitching staff of the Brooklyn Dodgers, in hopes of repeating on the National League pennant next season.

The Dodgers used Bankhead to finish out the season with them in 1947 when they were making a stretch-run for the pennant. His first time up to bat in the World Series against the Yankees, he hit a homerun; his first time in the pitching box, he got knocked out promptly.

In his three years with Dodger farm clubs, Bankhead has piled up an enviable record of 44 wins against 13 losses. Besides which—and even more remarkable — he has a .326 batting average for that time.

Bankhead is the fourth Negro player developed by the Royals for the parent club: second baseman Jackie Robinson, catcher Ray Campanella; and pitcher Don Newcombe.

Rickey peddled off his prize package, Montreal's sensational Slammin' Sammy Jethroe, to the Boston Braves a couple of months ago. Jethroe had just finished the season by breaking all base-stealing records, except Ty Cobb's; and passed all Jackie Robinson's performances, except at bat.

BROUGHT UP — Dan Bankhead, ace righthander of the Montreal Royals, was lifted by Branch Rickey last week to spruce up the parent Brooklyn Dodger mound staff for the 1950 season.

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Black Barons

Black Barons, Monarchs Play At Stadium Wednesday Night

The Birmingham Black Barons and the Kansas City Monarchs, two of the world's greatest Negro baseball attractions, will clash in a Negro American League game at Municipal Stadium Wednesday night. Game time is scheduled for 8 o'clock.

The Black Barons and the Monarchs have, by far, contributed more baseball talent to the major leagues than all the other clubs in their league combined.

Recently Birmingham sold its player - manager, Lorenzo (Piper) Davis to the Boston Red Sox. He will go to spring training with them next season. Davis is currently batting .392, which includes 21 doubles, eight triples and eight home runs. He managed the western division team of the NAL in the East-West game and secured one of the two hits collected by the West All-Stars. Major league teams have sought Davis for a long time but Black Baron President Tom Hayes, Jr., was apparently reluctant to depart with him.

A few weeks earlier, Alonzo Perry, sporting a 13-4 pitching record was sold to the Oakland Oaks, joining Arthur Wilson, a former Black Baron shortstop around whose sale created a hot controversy by the New York Yankees and the Cleveland Indians.

Manager Davis added two pitchers, Jim Little and Sam Brown, to bolster the Black Baron pitching staff, which was also weakened by the loss of Jimmy Newberry who suffered a broken arm and is out for the season.

Birmingham has in Norman Robinson, Willie Mays and Ed Steele, the best balanced outfield and all around talent in the Negro American League. All three are hitting above .300. Steele and Mays have bullet-true throwing arms. Mays has thrown more base-runners out at the plate this year than any other NAL outfielder. Rookie of the year last year, he is a standout as a sophomore.

With five of their players signed to major league contracts this season — a record unequalled by any other Negro club — the Kansas City Monarchs still have a powerful club and have additional talent for big league scouts to look over.

Monarch players signed this season include Pitchers Ford Smith and Booker McDaniels for the New York Giants and Chicago Cubs, respectively; Catcher Earl Taborn and Outfielder Bob Thurman, New York Yankees; and Infielder Hank Thompson, who is playing regularly for the Giants. Smith is with the Giants' farm team, Jersey City in the International League; McDaniels is hurling for Los Angeles in the Coast loop, while Taborn and Thurman are with Newark.

Other Monarchs with a major league club are Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers and Satchel Paige of the Cleveland Indians.

Newcombe, Bankhead Score on Same Day

Baltimore, Md

Don Newcombe and Dan Bankhead, two of the three tan pitchers in Organized Baseball, hurled their respective teams to victories within a few hours of each other Saturday.

Big Don, bidding for recognition as ace of the Brooklyn Dodgers mound staff, registered his third triumph of the season in turning back the Cincinnati Reds, 11-3, at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, in the afternoon. The same night, Bankhead collected his fifth win of the International League campaign, tossing a six-hitter at the league-leading Jersey City Little Giants to give Montreal a 10-5 verdict.

Sat. 6-18-49

Has Fanned 34

In throttling the Reds, Newcombe was annexing his second win in as many starts against the same club. It was against Cincinnati in Crosley Field that Big Don made his debut as a Dodger starter. He gave up five hits, one a homer by Jimmy Bloodworth, who was a Newcombe teammate at Montreal last year.

During the course of the game, witnessed by 22,155 persons, Big Don whiffed nine and walked only one. His strikeout total since the promotion to the Dodgers, thus reached 34 for 43⅔ innings.

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Campy Homers Twice

Newcombe was given a tremendous lift by his mates, Catcher Roy Campanella contributing two home-runs in two official times at bat and Jackie Robinson getting a double and single in four tries.

In addition, the fielding of Pee Wee Reese on no less than two plays to the hole in deep short and a fielding gem by Gil Hodges at first had much to do with keeping the big fellow out of trouble.

Bankhead's 5th In Six

Bankhead, after several shaky starts in the beginning of the season, completed his third game in succession in achieving his win over the New York Giants' farmhands. It was, likewise, his fifth win against one defeat.

Slender Dan, benefitted by a 7-run third inning, spread the six safeties he allowed very thin. He struck out five and issued two passes.

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Sam Jethroe went four times for a double and single and added two base thefts to the cause.

Beat Bushes For Flashy New Talent

Chicago Defender

Chicago, Ill

By RUSS J. COWANS

Major league owners have started a new nation-wide search for Negro players.

The 16 clubs have their scouts combing the woods and beating the bushes for raw material of ebony hue. Moreover, several clubs have hired Negro scouts to search for players.

The Chicago Cubs signed Harold (Yellowhorse) Morris, former pitcher for the Detroit Stars, Kansas City Monarchs and Chicago American Giants some weeks ago. Morris will work on the Pacific Coast.

Sat. 7-9-49

And last week the Chicago White Sox signed John Donaldson, former crack pitcher and outfielder for the All-Nations, Detroit Stars, and Kansas City Monarchs, to scout Negro players and submit to the Comiskey clan good prospects.

Donaldson started with the All-Nations, then owned and operated by J. L. Wilkinson, former owner of the Kansas City Monarchs. He later played with the Detroit Stars, under the ownership of the late John (Tenny) Blount. Pete Hill was manager of the Stars at that time, and on the team were such stars as Bruce (Buddy) Petway, Jimmy Lyons, and Floyd (Jelly) Gardner, and Frank Duncan, crack outfielder.

Other major league clubs have had their scouts watching Negro players in the Negro American league, and a flock of them will be at the East-West game in Chicago August 14.

All of which caused one veteran fan to moan: "The major league owners are just about 25 years late.

"They should have had their scouts looking over men like Frank Wickware, Pete Hill, Judy Gans, John Henry Lloyd, Jose Mendez, Petway, Oscar Charleston, Christobel Torrientti, Frank Warfield, Dick Lundy, Josh Gibson, Andrew (Rube) Foster, Bill Foster, Dick Redding, and many, many others who could have won positions on any major league team.

"But the new move on the part of the major league owners will act as an impetus to develop more good Negro players because it will provide the incentive for the youngsters."

The Defender

Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, made the first move toward this search in 1946 when he signed Jackie Robinson, then with the Kansas City Monarchs, sending him to the Montreal Royals for a year.

Since coming up to the Dodgers in 1947, Robinson has fully backed Rickey with some timely hitting, good fielding, and daring base running. Today he is leading the National league in hitting, runs batted in, hits and runs scored.

Further, he paced all National league layers in the poll for the All-Star game, collecting 1,891,212 votes to win a berth in the National League starting lineup at second base.

Sat. 7-2-49

The Dodgers later signed Roy Campanella, who finished second in the poll for catchers, and Don Newcombe, the big righthander who has won five games and lost two since joining th Dodgrs in June.

The Cleveland Indians signed Larry Doby from the Newark Eagles in 1947, and later added Leroy (Satchel) Paige to the lineup. In addition, the Indians have signed a large number of Negro players and sent them to their minor league farm teams.

What has been the reaction of the baseball fans throughout the country about Negro ball players in the major leagues?

This reaction has been expressed through the turnstiles of the various parks. Since the Dodgers signed Robinson and Campanella, and the Indians added Doby and Paige to their lineups, they have become the best gate attractions in the country. And the Indians have continued to draw big crowds, although they are in third place in the American League standings, seven and one-half off the pace.

As hard-headed businessmen, major league owners have taken notice of the gate appeal of Robinson, Campanella, Doby and Paige. And those owners just love to hear the turnstiles click.

After watching the play of Robinson, Campanella, Doby and Paige, and seeing the big crowds pour through the gates when the Dodgers and Indians play, other owners decided that they can not only improve the play of their teams by adding Negro players, but also build up a larger attendance at all games.

EXTRA-BASE DRIVES WIN FOR BROOKS, 7-3

Times

Thurs. 7-28-49

Two Homers, Triple, 3 Doubles Among Dodgers' 11 Blows Off 3 Cub Pitchers

New York Times

HODGES, EDWARDS CONNECT

Newcombe Triumphs, but Needs Relief From Palica in Ninth —Jeffcoat Losers' Star

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CHICAGO, July 27—Escaping the doldrums that have held them in thrall for the last four games, the Dodgers moved with briskness and authority to a 7-3 victory over the Cubs today before a Wrigley Field throng of 32,262, all save 2,200 boys being cash customers.

Brooklyn hitting, which has slumped badly after holding up a lot of poor Brooklyn pitching, got back on the beam today and the boys slapped out eleven hits, including two home runs, a triple and three doubles, all the extra-base blows helping mightily in the scoring.

The veteran Dutch Leonard was nicked for seven hits and six of the runs in six innings plus and was charged with his twelfth loss and his third at the hands of the Brooks.

Palica Puts Out Fire

Don Newcombe lasted until the ninth when a singleton homer by Herman Reich, a hit batsman and a blooper single by Hal Jeffcoat brought Erv Palica in to put out the fire—which he did without difficulty. Thus Don gained his eighth triumph and his second over the Bruins. He gave nine hits, fanned ten and walked two.

Gil Hodges and Bruce Edwards produced homers, Gil socking his No. 14 with Jackie Robinson aboard in the fourth to give the Brooks a 3-1 lead. Gene Hermanski had singled Pee Wee Reese home in the third after the Dodger captain had singled and pilfered second base.

Three Dodgers scored in the seventh, a pass to Reese, a rousing triple to the right field corner by Hermanski and a sizzling double down the right-field line by Duke Snider sending Leonard away with none out.

Warren Hacker replaced Dutch and after Robinson had popped out on an attempted bunt, Hodges drove in his third run of the game with a double off the right center field wall.

Emil Kush came into pitch the eighth and Edwards walloped his first delivery high among the bleacher fans in left center field. Hodges' drive was even harder, the ball hitting the outer brick wall boundary on a line and rebounding to the field.

Jeffcoat opened on Newcombe in the first frame with a triple to right center—a ball misjudged a bit by Snider, and Frankie Baumholtz singled to right for the first run.

Another triple by the same fellow—a low drive on which Snider tried for a shoestring catch—drove Mickey Owen home in the fifth with the second run. Mickey had droped a pop fly single into right center field at the start.

Hit-and-run Clicks

One oddity of the game was that the Brooks put on the hit-and-run three times—and each time the hit that followed either hit the wall or went out of the park. That was the case with Hodges' homer and double and Hermanski's triple.

The Brooks now have played to nearly 30,000 more than 2,000,000 paying spectators. Today's crowd sent them nearly 20,000 over the million on the road. They already had passed the million at home.

The Dodgers are just bad news for Bob Scheffing. He replaced Owen in the ninth, first game he has appeared in since Robinson's foul tip broke his right thumb on May 17. And Newcombe's first pitch hit Bob on the right hand!

Hodges again is catching up to Robinson in the RBI business, now having 73 to Robby's 75.

There was no official comment from the Dodgers about President Ford Frick's criticism of the Cards-Dodgers game Monday, called at the end of nine innings with no decision reached. But there was indication of annoyance in some quarters.

Leonard's knuckleball gave Owen plenty of trouble. Snider stole second standing up in the fifth when Mickey couldn't catch the ball nor pick it up in time for a throw.

The box score:

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.	CHICAGO (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Reese, ss	4	2	1	4	2	0	Jeffcoat, cf	5	1	3	2	0	0
Herm'ski, lf	4	1	2	2	0	0	Gustine, 2b	4	0	0	5	2	0
Snider, cf	4	1	2	2	0	0	cCavar'etta	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rob'son, 2b	4	1	2	1	0	0	Baumh'z, rf	5	0	1	0	0	0
Hodges, 1b	4	1	2	4	2	0	Sauer, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Furillo, rf	5	0	0	1	0	0	Pafko, 3b	3	0	1	0	3	1
Cox, 3b	4	0	1	0	2	1	Smalley, ss	4	0	1	1	5	1
B. Edw's, c	4	1	1	12	0	0	Reich, 1b	3	1	1	9	1	0
Newc'be, p	4	0	0	1	1	0	Owen, c	3	1	1	9	1	0
Palica, p	0	0	0	0	0	0	Scheffing, c	0	0	0	1	1	0
							Leonard, p	2	0	0	0	0	0
							Hacker, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
							aMauch	0	0	0	0	0	0
							Kush, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	37	7	11	27	5	1	bH. Edw'ds	1	0	0	0	0	0
							Total	36	3	9	27	13	1

aWalked for Hacker in seventh.
bStruck out for Kush in ninth.
cFlied out for Gustine in ninth.

Brooklyn	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	1 0—7
Chicago	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0 0—3

Runs batted in—Hermanski 2, Hodges 3, Baumholtz, Snider, Jeffcoat, B. Edwards, Reich. Two-base hits—Robinson, Snider, Hodges. Three-base hits—Jeffcoat 2, Hermanski. Home runs—

47a 1949 "Baseball" by Robert Smith

OH, MY, HOW THEY RUN!

Heard in the grandstand: "I have never seen a Negro athlete who couldn't run fast." . . . A [illegible] our sport pages last week noted that Jackie Robinson was not the first Negro to play in organized baseball. That is true. In the 1880's a number of Negroes played in "OB." Newark and Toledo both had several stars. Moses Walker and a brother formed an all-star battery.

Those facts, and many others, can be found in a book called "Baseball" by Robert Smith (I'm not positive of the author). . . . The Los Angeles Don, with three Negro stars—Len Ford, end; George Taliaferro, back; and John Brown, center—get worse, it seems, every game. Not because of these players, I hasten to say, but because of poor coaching, mismanagement and disorganization.

Atlanta Fans Await Jackie, Roy April 8

BY MARION E. JACKSON

ATLANTA, Ga.—(SNS)—The glare and spotlight of the nation will be fixed upon Atlanta's Ponce De Leon Park April 8-9-10 where a routine exhibition baseball game has become a "cause celebre" because of the presence of Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella who will be in the lineup of the National League Brooklyn Dodgers when the team plays the Atlanta Crackers.

This three-day exhibition will be a brief glimpse into chances of the Dodgers when the '49 pennant race gets underway April 18, when the Great American Pastime become a daily showcase for baseball's wares in the major cities of the East and Midwest.

The Brooklyn Dodgers open their "Georgia sojourn" in Macon, Ga., on April 7 by playing the Macon Peaches. After the Atlanta series with the Southern League Atlanta Crackers, the scene shifts to Greenville, S. C., which is governed by Dixiecrat J. Strum Thurmond.

PLAY IN CHARLOTTE

Then the Dodgers move on to Charlotte, N. C., before playing the Washington Senators in Griffith Stadium.

The exhibition games slated for Macon, April 7, Atlanta April 8 and Washington, D. C., are night games. A brief series is scheduled between the N. Y. Yankees and the Dodgers in New York City prior to the season's opener.

In Atlanta close to 100,000 fans are expected to see the series. President Earl Mann has reportedly set aside bleacher seats from Georgia Tech to seat thousands of additional Negro fans in the third base area of the park.

LARGE COVERAGE

Mr. Mann anticipates the largest press coverage of a series in the history of the park. A special press box has been setup for Negro sports writers who will be representing national weeklies as well as the staff of the Atlanta Daily World. The World's sports staff will be the official host to the visiting writers.

The Brooklyn Dodgers will come to Atlanta from Texas, where they have played a week-long schedule of exhibitions.

It will be the third visit for Jackie Robinson in Atlanta since he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers after a successful stint with the Montreal Royals. He refereed an exhibition basketball game during 1948 and returned here last October 11, when the Jackie Robinson All-Stars played the Negro American League All-Stars at Ponce De Leon Park. Roy Campanella accompanied Jackie on the trip here last Fall.

BIGGEST BOOSTER

One of Jackie Robinson's biggest boosters is Ernie Harwell, who formerly broadcast the Atlanta Crackers baseball games. He is now a New Yorker and slated to replace Red Barber as official announcer for the Brooklyn Dodgers this summer.

All Atlanta awaits the appearance here. Virtually every phase of public opinion have given the series the greenlight except Dr. Samuel Green of the Ku Klux Klan.

Atlanta sportswriters Jimmy Bradberry of the Constitution, Ed Danforth of the Journal have given outspoken approval of Robinson and Campanella playing in the game when the Dodgers come here.

Branch Rickey is quoted as saying that unless Robinson and Campanella play the games would be cancelled.

Thousands of fans from Alabama, Florida, Tennessee and South Carolina are expected in the city for the series.

Brooklyn Dodgers (Jackie Robinson)

THE KLAN PACKS 'EM IN

The Brooklyn Dodgers, with Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella prominently in the lineup, played before nearly 50,000 baseball fans in Atlanta over the week-end.

Ponce de Leon Park, which seats only 14,500, was jammed by a crowd of over 25,000 for Sunday's game, largest ever.

That the Dodgers lost two of three games to the Atlanta Crackers is not the important thing.

What is important is the fact that the Ku Klux Klan's threat to prevent the Brooklyn's colored stars from performing fizzled when it became apparent that the series would be played as scheduled.

Grand Dragon Sam Green then countered with a threat to get 10,000 fans to agree to boycott the Atlanta team for the season. No one is paying Sam any mind on his substitute threat.

The fans know what they want to see and they're willing to lay their cash on the line for the privilege. All that is needed is a big enough attraction.

Sam Green's Kluxers did prove one thing, however. They gave the Atlanta series more free advertising than money could buy and we wouldn't be surprised a bit to learn that old Sam, himself, was there to see it all.

That is, if he was able to wangle a pass.

Negroes Can Play In Georgia Two Public Officials Declare

By STERLING SLAPPEY

ATLANTA, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The general idea in Atlanta—official and public—is that Negroes Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella can play baseball here, despite the Ku Klux Klan.

Last week when Branch Rickey announced that his Brooklyn Dodgers would play the Atlanta Crackers, of the Southern Association in April, and that the Negroes would be in the lineup, the Ku Klux Klan set up a howl.

Grand Dragon Dr. Samuel Green said he would most certainly look into laws governing whites and Negroes playing with and against each other in athletics in Georgia.

The Atlanta city attorney and the Georgia attorney general said today they do not know of any laws which would prohibit Robinson and Campanella playing here.

The Fulton County attorney said the county has no jurisdiction over such.

Attorney General Eugene Cook said: "We have no law dealing with segregation except in the school system, transportation, marriage and such. There is no prohibition in Georgia against Negroes playing baseball with white people."

Jack Savage, city attorney, said he "knew of no city ordinance against whites and Negroes playing baseball together."

Fifty persons listed in the Atlanta telephone directory were called and asked what they thought of allowing Robinson and Campanella to play April 8, 9, and 10.

Forty said they thoroughly approved one man commented, "If the Klan is against it I'm for it. It's a swell idea. I haven't seen a ball game since I was a kid. I'll see one of these."

Four said it made no difference to them.

Six opposed, their answers varying from "It will cause trouble" to "It's just not a good idea."

One of the 40 approving wanted to bet $5 that a higher percentage of persons in Atlanta thought well of the idea than could be found in Brooklyn.

The Atlanta Constitution conducted a symposium Saturday among 10 pedestrians. Eight wanted to allow Robinson and Campanella to play. Two opposed.

It was pointed out that Negroes and whites have appeared together often on Southern stages and that after all "a baseball player is nothing but an entertainer."

Grand Dragon Green, of the KKK said his investigation has been begun.

Apparently however, unless some forgotten law is resurrected or the state legislature now in session passes a new one before April, the Dodgers and Crackers will play baseball against each other.

2 Dodgers Pass Up Cash to Teach Boys

By William Gordon

Instead of barnstorming around the country after "quick money deals," Jackie Robinson, second baseman, and Roy Campanella, catcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers, choose to make public appearances and work among underprivileged children in Harlem.

The two ballplayers, whose skill on the diamond has won them national recognition, now are using this skill and recognition to fight juvenile delinquency by spending their off season at the Harlem branch of the YMCA. They are instructors in the boys' workshop division, a job they undertook at the request of Rudolph J. Thomas, executive director of the Harlem "Y."

Since they started in November, Robinson and Campanella have been teaching their charges the rudiments of baseball and the refereeing of basketball games, and have been making daily visits to schools throughout the city—as guests of athletic clubs—and to churches, hospitals and other institutions. Each visit has brought a request for a return

Autograph Request

At each appearance there is a prepared program, worked out and supervised by the children themselves. Robinson and Campanella give short talks to the assembly groups, after which the students are encouraged to ask questions.

Teachers, visiting parents and students receive the athletes with equal enthusiasm. Some groups swamp them with autograph requests, while others present them with scrolls and honor badges in appreciation of their work.

"I like working with kids," Campanella says, "and I believe that, in away in Harlem there are many potential young athletes who need the right kind of inspiration. I believe that the facilities made available by the YMCA and the encouragement of Jackie and myself

Both Robinson and Campanella hope that, through the work at the "Y", they will be able to help deserving boys enter college on scholarships. It is their belief that some of the colleges will accept boys on their recommendation.

"Through the work of Robinson and Campanella," James E. Cooke, "Y" boys' workshop secretary says, "the YMCA has been able to reach thousands of boys whom we would be unable to reach normally. In the public schools, where Robinson and Campanella appear daily, boys and girls alike are given the opportu-

Robinson says that he thinks his baseball experience is "worthy training to pass on to kids. He adds that he feels his current stint "gives me training for what I want to do in the future in boys' work."

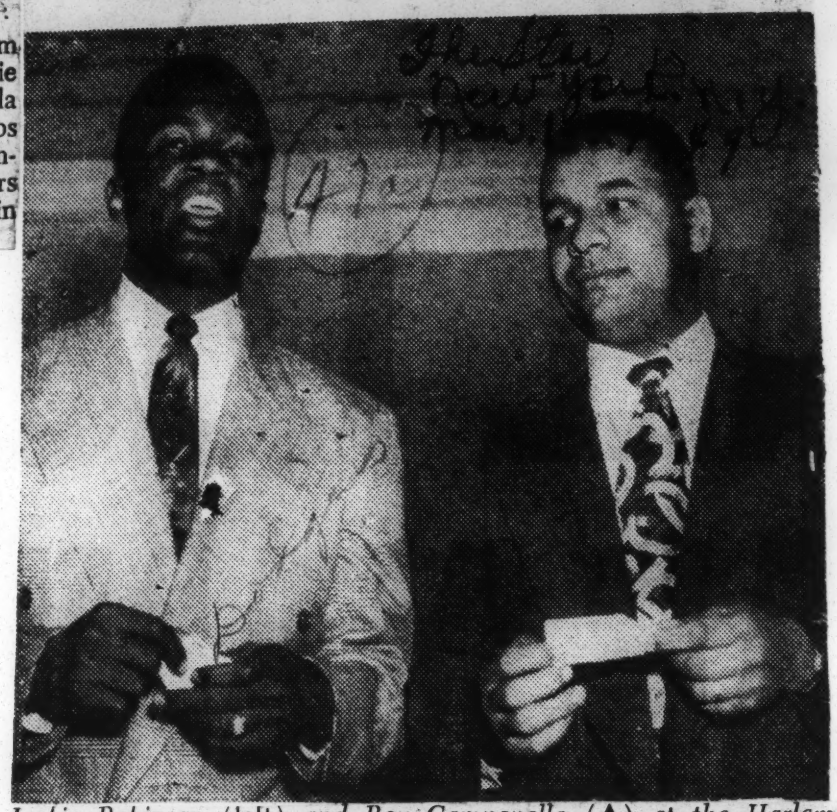
College Goals

will have a lasting influence on the boys."

Play Ball With Boys

nity for self-expression and participation in a constructive school program." Mow 1-24-47

Part of their activities in Harlem has been the setting up of Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella clubs among the boys. The clubs compete for honors and will continue after the two Dodger stars have completed this year's work in Harlem.



Jackie Robinson (left) *and Roy Campanella* (⮝) *at the Harlem YMCA branch. Campanella* (⮟) *has no trouble keeping the attention of these boys, seven to* 10 *years old.* STAR Photos by John Albert

Larry, Minoso, Mitchell Form Baseball's Fastest Outfield

The Courier-Pittsburgh Pa. Sat. 5-14-49

By AL DUNMORE

Sunday was a dismal day for the world's champions, the Cleveland Indians, as 49,000 fans saw them drop a twin bill to the surprising Washington Senators, 7-3 and 2-0, but out of it all a minor bit of history was written. For the first time three Negroes played at the same time on a major league baseball team, when Leroy Satchel Paige took the mound for the Indians in the seventh inning of the opening game. In center field was Larry Doby, the sophomore; in right field, Orestes Minoso, the Cuban rookie; on the mound the veteran Paige, another section of the fast crumbling wall of prejudice that has fenced in the great American game had fallen.

It is regrettable that it could not be written that the trio had starred, or the champions had gone on to a victory as they have over race prejudice. It was just a losing ball game for the team and the trio. Doby and Minoso performed flawlessly in the field . . . Minoso making one outstanding catch. Paige was so-so in relief, allowing two hits and one run in the 2/3-inning he pitched. He retired the side and was removed for a pinch hitter in the ninth inning.

It was a relief game when Doby snapped out of his batting slump in the first game off the very excellent pitching of Ray Scarborough by getting two hits, a single and a double, in three official trips to the plate, and hitting a long fly that drove in the last of the Indians three runs.

Minoso, too, seemed to have gone into a slump after hitting a home run on his second day as a big leaguer last Thursday as the Indians trampled the Red Sox, 7-3. But Saturday against the Bosox and Sunday against the Nats, Minoso went hitless until his last time at bat when he hit a single off Sid Hudson, who held the Indians to four hits, all singles.

Minoso has impressed with his fielding and his speed on bases. His home run Thursday, a booming drive that went over the 380-mark in right field, was a tremendous drive for a right hander and demonstrated the power which the lithe Cuban possesses. His other two hits were both line drive singles into centerfield. At this writing he has three hits out of four trips at the plate for a .216 average. There has been no question about his fielding . . . although new at this position . . . he was a third baseman with the Cubans . . . he has handled everything that came his way. He made a tremendous catch of a Texas leaguer Saturday that veteran observers agree would have hardly been caught by any other big league outfielder. Sunday he demonstrated he had the arm by making several excellent throws to the infield.

The management has not announced whether they intend to send Minoso back to the minors for further seasoning. Three Triple A teams have bids for him, but there is the general feeling that he will be kept with the Indians. Deadline for player cut is Sunday. The Indians must now cut two men. Boudreau has been playing Minoso so that he may pass judgment on him. His hitting has been weak in the last two days, but then, so has that of the other Indians.

FAST FIELDERS

Press box observers are agreed that the current Indians outfield of Mitchell, Doby and Minoso is the fastest afoot in modern baseball history. Some compared them to the former Indians early twenties trio of Hooper, Speaker and Lewis. But the great Tris Speaker, himself, now a TV broadcaster for Cleveland games, states that this trio is much faster than the combo, of which he was key man, which was said to be the fastest ever to roam the outer garden.

Biggest talk around these parts is the confidence which Manager Lou Boudreau is showing in Larry Doby who came out of the depths last year to hit a telling .301. Doby is now in the midst of a slump which has caused great concern. Saturday he sunk to a low of .182. A scratch single and a sacrifice bunt figured in the scoring that enabled the Indians to squeeze out a 4-3 decision over the Bosox Saturday in a 12-inning thriller. Sunday against Ray Scarborough he hit two screaming line drives, one going for a double. This was the Doby of last year.

The attitude of the Indians' top brass should do a lot with bringing the two young outfielders along. Thursday, Doby and Minoso had an unfortunate collision in right centerfield and although Doby snagged the ball, which Boudreau stated definitely was his catch, he spiked Orestes on both feet. The first man to check with the dressing room on Minoso's condition was Bill Veeck, likeable president of the Indians.

Veeck is also one of Doby's loudest rooters. In the press box he is continuously yelling, even when Larry is on deck waiting to hit . . . "come on Lawrence, let's start to rapping." Boudreau is most insistent that Doby will overcome his slump and has refused to remove him from the lineup even with such an able substitute as Thurman Tucker riding the bench.

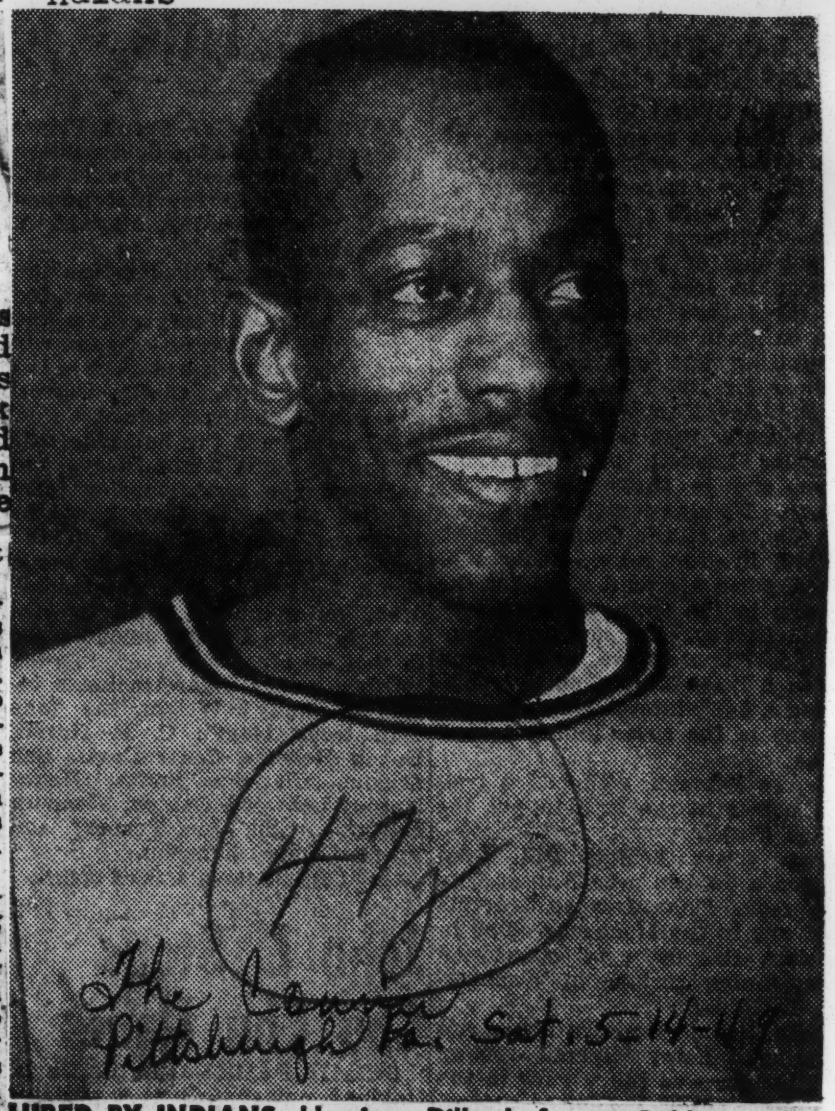
HANK HELPS OUT

Most demonstrative of the support that the big brass is giving Doby is the fact that Friday, an off-day, Hank Greenberg took Doby into the batters' cage for a session of batting practice and pitched to him. Greenberg, along with other Indian brain trusters pooh-poohs the report that the American League hurlers have discovered Doby's weakness. "He's just in a slump and he'll shake it off," says Greenberg, a great who has also known slumpitis during his long and brilliant career.

Greenberg feels it is mostly matter of temperament.

Minoso is taking the pressure which he is facing now quite gracefully. He knows that his present play will determine whether he stays up this year and is going all out. A fellow player ribbing him one day was told "me no play that stuff, me here to play baseball, that's all."

Veteran daily reporters are all out for him and call him the most likely prospect in organiezd baseball. They feel the Indians would make a terrific mistake if they send him back. The sale of Hank Edwards, former regular right fielder to the Cubs, might have been a tip off that Minoso will be kept, but the Indians still have Bob Kennedy, Allie Clark and Hal Peck, all listed as right fielders . . . an all-round reserve in Tucker. Orestes may be sent back to a club where he can learn how to pull hit.



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HIRED BY INDIANS—Harrison Dillard, former Baldwin Wallace University track star and winner of the 10-meter dash in the Olympic Games held in London last summer, has just been appointed by Bill Veeck, owner of the Cleveland Indians baseball team, as a member of the public relations staff.

Lloyd "Lucky" Davenport

Chicago Purchases Davenport

Chicago Defender

(47a)

Chicago All.

Manager W. S. Welsh and the Chicago American Giants vanguard will leave by bus for Monroe, La., via Memphis, from 412 East 47th street at noon Sunday, March 20.

The Giants have purchased Lloyd "Ducky" Davenport, 35-year-old outfielder from the Louisville Buckeyes for an undisclosed sum. Davenport will leave with the team. He played with Chicago in 1943, was sold to the Cleveland Buckeyes (now the Louisville Buckeyes) in 1944 and jumped to Mexico in the latter part of that season.

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GOOD HITTER

Ducky, who had been batting .366 in the Negro American League, joined the Vera Cruz club. He stayed with the Mexican team until the end of the 1948 season. He led the club both in hitting and fielding. His batting percentage last year was .327.

Davenport played in five East vs. West games as a member of the West nine. He is happy to be back in the states "with the boys" and that the five-year ban of players who went to Mexico has been lifted.

Manager Welsh will use Davenport in center field. In the outer garden Welsh plans to also use Felix McLaurin and Art Pennington. Art also formerly played with Chicago. McLaurin is a former Birmingham Black Barons outfielder.

First base job is Welsh's biggest worry. Lyman Bostock is sought. The former Black Baron player has not signed and neither has Gentry Jessup, star hurler of the Giants. Gentry is expected to "fall in line" before time for the bus to depart.

McNEAL IMPROVED

Clyde McNeal, youthful shortstop, will join the team as will Jesse Douglas, who comes back to the Giants at second base. McNeal was a much improved player last season, had more confidence at the bat and under Welsh's management should be one of the top shortstops of the league this year. Marvin Carter will hold down third.

The Giants are strengthened this year in moundsmen. Clarence Locke of Kansas City, Kas., is back as is Harry Rhodes, a southpaw. Othello Strong, local right-hander; Frank Corswell, right-hander secured from the Buckeyes; Alvin Gipson of Black Baron fame, and Southpaw Gread McKinnis will be among the veterans.

Welsh has a number of rookies lined up. There may be a wild scramble for the initial bag. Welsh, as well as Dr. J. B. Martin, president of the Giants, and Secretary R. S. Simmons all will demand a hustling ball team.

Sports

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Wendell Smith's Sports Beat

Sat. 6-28-49 (47a)

Doby Talks About Hitting . . .

Ball players are just like anyone else. If you talk to them long enough, they'll eventually get around to discussing their vocation. If you are talking to a banker, he'll automatically steer the conversation around to banking. If you're talking to a chef, you'll find yourself finally discussing chicken every Sunday and the egg and him. If he's a street sweeper, no matter how hard you try to avoid it, the conversation will surely wind up about horses and elephants.

That's the way it was with Larry Doby. We talked about his wife and the stork that's coming to his house in July, about his automobile and the beautiful weather they have in California. We talked about fighters and mechanics and housemaid's knee; the cold winters in New Jersey and how much it costs to make a long distance call from Topeka to Terre Haute.

But always you'll find that a ball player's talk gets around to his business—baseball.

If a guy is a pitcher, he talks about pitching. If he's a catcher, he talks about catching. But if he's an outfielder, he talks about hitting. They never talk about catching fly balls. They always talk about hitting the long one and what they do against guys like Feller and Sphan and Newhouser. Sat. 5-28-49

So no matter what, whenever you talk to Larry Doby it is bound to get around to hitting, sure as shootin'.

"The best hitter I've ever seen," said Larry, "is Ted Williams of Boston. He can sure handle himself at that plate. Pitchers just don't know how to pitch to a guy like him. Joe DiMaggio is a great hitter, but there are pitchers on our club who would rather face him in a tight ball game than Williams.

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Shouldn't Worry About Hitting . . .

"Whenever I go to Boston," Larry said, "I always have a talk with Williams about hitting." He spoke of Williams with a bit of reverence, like the young violinist refers to the master from whom he is taking lessons. Ted Williams is to Larry Doby what Michael Angelo is to all the novices who love to wield a brush.

"The thing I like about him," confessed the Cleveland outfielder, "is that he never worries. If he hits, it's okay. If they stop him for a while, then he just takes it as a matter of course. It's just another day with him."

Larry smiled as he recalled the torture of one of his longest batting slumps. "We were in Boston last year," he said, "and I hadn't been hitting the size of my hat. I got up one morning and went out to the park early. I wanted to get some extra batting practice. When I had just about finished, Williams came up to me and said: 'What the hell are you doing out here so early?'

"I explained that I hadn't been getting a good sock at the ball and I figured I needed some extra practice at the plate."

Williams, one of the greatest hitters of all time, laughed and said to the ambitious young outfielder: "You're worrying about hitting and that's the worst thing you can do. Never let yourself worry about a batting slump. When the ball won't fall where you want it to, just cross it off as bad luck. No matter how much you worry, you'll find that it never increases or decreases your average. And, above all things, don't worry about the fans. If you don't hit, they'll give you the razzberries. If you're hitting .500 they'll cheer you when you come to the plate. But if it's a close ball game and you fail to hit when runs are needed, they'll still razz you, no matter what your batting average is.

"Those talks with Ted Williams have helped me a lot," Doby confessed. "I have learned not to worry about my batting average. Williams said I'll always have a fairly decent average. He said I have the right kind of a swing. In fact, he said he wished he could take a cut at the ball like I do. He said that if he had my swing, he'd hit more home runs than Ruth did. He was kidding, of course, but he assured me that I have enough power to hit good consistently in the big leagues."

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Larry Always Starts Slow . . .

Larry Doby is what they call a power hitter. He hits the long ball and at any time can break up a game. But power isn't everything and he realizes it. There are times when it isn't advisable to hit for distance. Sometimes a good single is better than a home run smash.

"Williams says," Doby stated, "that good hitters know when to take a full swing and when to just hit the ball for an ordinary base hit. But you have to be in the majors three or four years before you learn just when to do that. You have to know the opposing pitcher and everything else. There's nothing like experience."

Like many ball players, Doby starts slow. He seldom finds the range until the middle of the season. "It's a funny thing," he said, "but I've always been a slow starter. I'm not hitting my best yet, and I guess I won't until we've been around the circuit once more. It's really funny. I've found out that there are pitchers I just can't hit in the spring. For instance, they throw me a fast ball in April or May and I strike out. Then in June or July, I face the same pitcher and he throws me exactly the same pitch I struck out on three weeks before, and I hit it for a home run.

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Larry Hits Longest Stadium Home Run

By Sam Lacy

The ball Larry hit traveled something like 450 feet, landed high in the right centerfield seats and broke up the game. They're still talking about that wallop in New York and they can't resist arguing whether Ruth ever hit one that far in his day.

Nor can we forget how emphatic Larry was before he left us about swinging for the fence. "I'm just going for the ordinary hits," he said, "home runs don't mean everything."

The next day, however, the papers said he hit one that made Babe Ruth turn over in his grave.

All of which means that you should never take a good hitter at his word. He'll promise you only singles but can't resist hitting the ball out of sight.

Larry Doby's like that.

Doby wants to be a hitter like Williams. He wants to be able to determine when to swing for the fence, and when to swing for the ordinary single.

"That comes," he said, "with experience. I'm learning how to do that. I'm not swinging for the fences any more. I'm just punching out hits when I get the chance. Home runs aren't everything. The ordinary base hits are what counts. I'm through swinging for the fence. I'm convinced now that the blooping single means just as much to your average as the mighty home run blow. I'm gonna be like Ted Williams, just get a base hit every day and boost my average. I'm not thinking about home runs any more."

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Never Trust a Hitter . . .

After giving us that lecture on the advantages of ordinary hits versus the value of home run drives, Larry Doby boarded a train for New York and the house that Ruth built—Yankee Stadium. The Courier Pittsburgh, Pa.

He played against the Yankees the following day and that night we read this headline in the papers: "Larry Doby Hits One of Longest Home Runs in History of Yankee Sta-

With two swipes of his mighty bats, Larry Doby sent

the Yankees down to a 3-2 defeat yesterday at the Stadium, ending a five-game losing streak for the World Champion Indians before 18,571 fans.

Doby's first blow will go down in baseball history, for it was the longest home run hit within the confines of the Bronx Stadium. In the second inning, with the count 1–1, he met a low fast ball delivered by Bob Porterfield and sent it over the centerfield wall and screen at a point 425 feet from the home plate on the ground and approximately 450 feet into the stands. The ball landed just to the right of the green screen in dead center.

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Veteran baseball writers recalled that Lou Gehrig had driven a home run under the scoreboard at a point higher than Doby's, but not so far toward dead center. The only other drive which can compare with it was Hank Greenberg's fly to the base of the flagpole which Joe DiMaggio caught in 1938. Not even Babe Ruth ever hit one into the bleachers as far toward center as Doby's wallop.

The Yankees tied the score against Steve Gromek after this blast in the 4th on a single by Bobby Brown and Kryhoski's double to left. Then in the 5th, Thurman Tucker led off with a single to right and made 3rd on Dale Mitchell's safety to the same garden. Lou Boudreau walked, filling the bases when Doby came to bat. This time he met a high fast ball and slashed a line single to right, scoring Tucker and Mitchell. These runs just sufficed to give the Indians the victory, for Larry Berra hit his third homer of the year into the upper deck of the right field stands in the 8th.

The Indians' victory followed a shakeup of the champs by Manager Boudreau. He benched two former Yankees, Joe Gordon and Allie Clark, replacing them with Johnny Berardino and Tucker. Tucker made three hits and Berardino one, but second to Doby the real Cleveland hero was Gromek, who pitched a canny game throughout.

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This was the third time that Doby has hit a homer approximately 450 feet in less than two seasons of play. Last season he knocked a drive against the scoreboard in Griffiths Stadium, Washington. This one he sent another smash over the Houston, Texas centerfield wall which is 340 feet

The CHICAGO WHITE SOX, who licked the Red Sox yesterday.

are in today for a two-game series. Frank Shea will start for the Yankees.

DOBY'S YANKEE STADIUM HOMER DECLARED TO TOP ANY OF ALL-TIME GREATS

Cleveland Blade

Says Even Babe Ruth's Longest Was Surpassed By Indians' Slugging Negro Outfielder

Cleveland, Ohio

Sat. 5-21-49

YANKEE STADIUM, N. Y., May 27—(Special)—Those who gather around the stove league this winter, and those who will discuss mighty wallops in the early stages of the 1949 baseball season, will tell you that the home runs hit by Larry Doby, one last year in Washington another in the exhibition training game this year at Houston, Tex., and yet another last Thursday—to date—in Yankee Stadium.

Sat. 5-21-49

The Yankee Stadium blow, greatest of them all, broke a losing jinx that had rode the tribe in five successive games, and alehough the blow is admitted to have traveled 470 feet, before coming to rest in the center field bleacher seats, it is officially recorded as .50 feet—plus—but at that, much further than anyone else eer hit one.

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The might wallop drew the following comment from the Cleveland Plain Dealer's traveling sport correspondent, Harry Jones, who tells us that:

"People who have seen nearly every game in Yankee Stadium since it was opened in 1923 will tell you that the Indians' Larry Doby, today, hit the longest home run ever clouted in this memorable park..

"They insist that none of the great sluggers of the last three decades—Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Bill Dickey, DeMaggio, Jimmy Fox, and Hank Greenberg included—ever hit one that traveled as far as Doby's historic wallop into the center field bleacrers.

" 'In all my years' said one veteran fan, 'I never saw a ball hit into the centerfield section of the bleachers. 'I've seen a few hit into the right-center section next to the bull-pen, gut never into dead-center.'

"Another observer said he believed there were home runs hit just as hard, but none that ever left the playing field at such a great distance from home plate. "Ruth and the others hit a lot of home runs up into the third deck,' he pointed out, 'but there is no way to measure that actual distance. We know how far this one traveled.'

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Correspondent Jones goes on to say: "It was in the second inning and Doby was the first man up for Cleveland. With a count of one ball and one strike, he took a vicious cut at thenext offering from Bob Porterfield, the Yankee's young right-hander. As though fired from a cannon, the ball headed for the bleachers a little to the right of dead-centerfield. Cliff Mapes, the New York centnerfielder, gave chase and he saw the ball clear a 15-foot screne before it landed in the seats.

"The sphere sailed over the barrier directly between signs marked 407 feet and 461 feet. It was estimated that ball traveled no less than 450 feet. Some believe the ball would have reached the centerfield bleachers of Cleveland's stadium. That distance is 470 feet.

"Doby's home run was similar to the one he hit in Huston, Tex., this spring off Larry Jansen of the New York Giants in an exhibition game. It was olso about equal in distance to the one he hit in Griffith Stadium, Washington, last year"

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Doby's home-run last Thursday gave the Indians a 1-to-0 margin over the Yanks. It was the first time in 42 innings the tribe had been n front in games with the White Sok and the Yankees. The last time they held a lead was in the fifth inn- of a game in Chicago, a fortnight ago, when they led 8-to-4 until the Sox scored five runs in the last of the fifth.

That Doby Boy Well on His Way to Greatness

ON AN August night in 1947, Griffith Stadium was being picketed. A motley line of protestants was greeting the game-goers with placards that read:

"Cleveland has a colored ball player—why not Washington?"

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"Brooklyn signed a Negro player—why don't the Nats?"

They had selected for their demonstration the night when Cleveland's Larry Doby was to make history as the first colored major leaguer ever to play in Griffith Stadium.

Out of their cabs at the stadium entrance came the Cleveland players, Doby among them. They couldn't miss the pickets. Doby saw the signs and recoiled.

To his friend, Second Baseman Joe Gordon, Doby muttered:

"Jeez, Joe, I don't want to be a symbol—I just want to be a big league ball player."

At that time it was still an unbelievable new world in which 22-year-old Larry Doby had found himself. A year before, he hadn't dared to dream that he would ever be in the big leagues. And then Jackie Robinson crashed the color barrier, and there was hope.

Two years later, Larry Doby is not just a ball player in the majors. He has the American League's savants won-

dering not whether he will make good, but asking each other if he isn't destined to be one of the great ones.

Washington Post

THERE'S ample evidence that he's on the way to greatness. Already his lengthy home run clouts are being bracketed with the longest Babe Ruth ever hit. In his first full season in the majors, he swatted at least one homer in every park and batted .301.

Minoso Rated Top Prospect Among Tribe's Rookies

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Sat. 3-5-49

CLEVELAND—"When we signed Larry Doby to play with us three years ago we had our fingers crossed," Bill Veeck told an audience the other day. "We didn't realize that this act was like throwing a rock in a stream, the ripples keep growing." To emphasize the fact, Veeck pointed out that for the first time in a big league park Negro ushers would be hired at the Cleveland Stadium this season.

What Veeck didn't mention was that his organization has been signing so many Negro players during the past year that it is almost impossible to keep an accurate check. Sat. 3-6-49

At this writing, including the top trio, Larry Doby, Satchel Paige and Art Wilson, the Indians' chain now includes fourteen Negro players. Doby, Paige and Wilson are definitely slated for the Cleveland squad and are to train at Tucson. (Satch will do his first two weeks conditioning at Hot Springs. 3-2-49

The remaining players will report to Marianna, Fla., the Indians mass training camp, to work under the direction of Hank Greenberg and Muddy Ruel.

Although these players are temporarily assigned to Indian farm clubs, they will be reassigned according to what they show at

Wendell Smith's Sports Beat

...es who played last year in... Al Smith, outfielder, Wilkes... Oreste Minoso, short stop... Santiago, pitcher, Day... Clarke, catcher...

...players are Lucius Easter... Marques, outfielders... San Diego; James Perry, shor... stop, Wilkes Barre; Jesse Gartl... and Cleotus Leewright, pitchers... Pittsfield. 3-6-49

Two players reported to b... signed by the Indians, but wh... are not on the farm record ar... Henry Simpson, former Philade... phia Stars player, and Bruce Law... rence, a reported schoolboy find... of whom there is little informa... tion available.

Of all the prospects, Tony P... anowski, who is in charge of the... scout files in the Indians' main of... fice, reports that Oreste Minoso... the brilliant, base stealing Dayton... third baseman, who was acquired... late last season, is regarded as... the most outstanding.

High hopes have also been ex... pressed for James Perry, a 28... year-old short stop from Alabama... who has been described as a... second "Slats" Marion. He is... feet 4 inches tall, and weighs 18... pounds. "His only weakness," th... scout's card reads, "is his age."

Most of the players are very young. Clark, who hails from Springfield, Ohio, Garth and Leewright, who were students at Lincoln University, Missouri, before joining the Indians, and Al Smith, are all in their early twenties or late teens. 3-6-49

Smith hit .319 for the Wilkes Barre club last year although he got off to a late start. His throwing arm is his greatest asset. He is a consistent hitter although not a long ball hitter.

Easter and Marques were established stars in the Negro leagues when they were signed.

A Young Man Goes West . . .

"They were toughest on me in Boston last year," said the tall, well-proportioned young man standing before me in nothing more than his shorts. "They were really rough at Fenway Park. One day I was standing on third base and we had just blasted a Red Sox pitcher out of the box. On his way to the bench, he looked at me and called me a black so-and-so. That was the nearest I came to fighting all year. Here was a pitcher leaving the game because he wasn't good enough to stay in there, and he was resorting to that kind of stuff."

He sat on the side of the bed to put his shoes on. "Meantime," he continued, "the rest of the Red Sox players on the bench were shouting: "You heard what he said, you heard what he said. You must be yellow as well as black. Why don't you do something about it?" I took that as a challenge and started toward the departing pitcher but Ken Keltner stopped me. He held me for a moment and then he turned to the pitcher. "Listen," Keltner said, "you're just mad because he got a double off you and you can't take it, you rat. You know, in his position, this man can't fight you back . . . but I can!"

Larry Doby, Cleveland Indian outfielder and the best Negro hitter in the big leagues last season, smiled as he recalled how Keltner, Cleveland's big third baseman came to his rescue that day in Boston. He was telling us the story in his suite at the Pershing Hotel in Chicago before departing westward for Tucson, Ariz., where the Tribe is training.

"That Keltner is some guy," Doby said. "If he likes you, he really likes you. If he doesn't, he won't be bothered with you. He's a big, strong guy and can fight like a tiger. Everyone in the league knows that and they don't want any parts of him. When he challenged that pitcher he broke up the argument because the guy didn't want to get tangled up with Ken."

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What a Difference a Year Makes . . .

While the Red Sox were particularly rough on Doby in Fenway Park all season, he found the Boston Braves just the opposite during the World Series. "They were a fine bunch of fellows," he revealed as he continued dressing. "I never heard them say one thing wrong. Maybe the Red Sox were particularly mad because I hit so well against them. But, then again, I didn't do so bad against the Braves in the series, either. It could be that they were just nicer fellows."

Doby led the Indians in the World Series with a batting mark of .318 and was a thorn in the Braves' side throughout the classic.

There is a distinct contrast in the Larry Doby of 1948 and the Doby of '49. Last year he went to camp feeling he'd surely wind up in the minor leagues. The year before, when he came up from the Newark Eagles in the middle of the season, he hit a sickly .152. No one gave him much chance to stick in 1948. He did manage to make the squad, however, and when they finally put him in as a regular, Doby improved each day. He finished the season with a .301 average.

How does Doby account for his great improvement? When he went to spring training last year he was a pitiful, helpless rookie. When the season ended he was an established star in the majors.

"I learned how they were pitching to me," he said proudly. "I learned how to hit sliders and knucklers and screw balls. When I first came up, I was expecting fast balls and a lot of curves. But I found out that they seldom threw stuff like that. You don't get many fast ones or curves. They throw a lot of other stuff. When I learned that, I started to hit. I sure was glad, too."

The fact that he learned how to hit is the reason we have a new Larry Doby today. This spring he has no worries. Lou Boudreau has already said that Larry's job is safe; that he's sure to start in center field on opening day. Consequently, he will be able to relax and play the kind of ball he's capable of playing.

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Plenty Company This Year . . .

Last year he was the lone Negro player in the Cleveland training camp.

"That was tough," he said. "I lived apart from the rest of the team because of the segregation laws in Arizona. I got pretty lonesome. It was especially bad when I had a poor day. I'd go to my room and just sit by myself."

This year there will be at least six Negro players on the squad in Tucson.

Larry laughed when he said: "Guess I don't have a chance to get lonesome this year. We'll have Paige, Art Wilson, Luke Easter, Oreste Minoso and a few more. I understand. That's fine, we'll have some real pinochle games."

Doby walked across the room, putting on the final touches of his dressing routine. He stands about six feet one, has the build of an athlete and moves with ease and grace. He weighs approximately 185 pounds, just three over his playing weight.

"I never have trouble with my weight," he said. "I'm glad, too. Jackie and Campanella both have a tendency to take on weight but I don't. Before I left New York I went to see them at the Harlem YMCA, where they worked as instructors the past winter. They both looked fine. Jackie's only about eight pounds overweight and Campy is probably about ten. That's not bad. They run that off, you right quick in spring training."

The Indian star lives in Paterson, N. J., and during the winter turned up at the Harlem "Y" every now and then to work out with Robinson and Campanella. The three big leaguers played basketball in the gymnasium, took a dip in the pool and exercises.

"They used to kid me all the time," Larry said.

Jackie has a son and so has Campanella. Naturally, they're very proud of their boys and proud of the fact that they are fathers."

"But they can't kid me any longer," Larry said, grinning. "Some time in July I'm gonna' be a papa!"

He thought for a moment, then added: "I guess if it isn't a boy, however, I'll have to go through the same kind of ribbing next winter."

With that, Larry Doby put on his hat and coat and departed for Tucson, Ariz.

Larry Doby Finally Gets Action in Quest for Residence

Paterson Leaders Shocked by Brutal Race Prejudice

The Afro American
Baltimore, Md.
Sat. 1-8-49

Former Athlete Offers to Sell Indian Outfielder His Home as Blow to Bias

PATERSON—Larry Doby, Cleveland Indians baseball team hero, won't have to shake the dust of his hometown from his feet and move to Cleveland in order to find a home.

Discouraged by a number of real estate men and owners who refused to sell him a home because of his race, Doby got a Christmas gift of good will and fair play on Friday when at least four offers to sell were made and Mayor Michael Devita ordered an investigation into prejudice in renting and selling.

The Paterson Call said that Thomas Nolan of nearby Haledon, who played football against Doby while the latter was an all-round athletic hero at Central High School, offered to sell Doby his home at Haledon.

Should Feel Honored

Others here and in the area offered to sell homes to Doby, stating that they and their neighbors should feel honored to have for a neighbor a man who brought distinction to his hometown from his high school days.

DeVita said that he was aware of the acuteness of housing conditions, and "if there is discrimination, I will go to any extreme to wipe it out."

The mayor said that discrimination is not rampant in the city, and that Doby had been treated fairly despite several cases of discrimination against him.

The Paterson Call said that as a boy in grammar school, high school, in the Armed Forces and in professional baseball Doby had been a model, and that it was outrageous that a few persons should block him from a home because of prejudice.

Assured of Choice

The newspaper said that it had received enough calls to assure Doby that he would have his choice of desirable homes.

Doby, who became a national baseball hero by playing a major role in the 1948 pennant and world champion success of the Cleveland Indians, was the center of a series of celebrations here after the baseball season ended.

Felt Better in Cleveland

In searching for a one-family home to purchase in a decent vicinity, he met with disheartening failures, which caused him to remark:

"I honestly feel more of a hero in Cleveland than here in my own hometown."

For the present, Doby and his wife, Helyn, are living with his mother, Mrs. Etta Walker, at 199 Summer St. The Afro American

He declared that if he is not able to buy a home here before spring training, he would buy a home in Cleveland.

In one instance in his search for a home, the owner who was moving out said he would not sell because "you are a Negro and my neighbors would object."

Many prospective sellers simply stated they will not sell to colored. Doby would telephone an answer to an advertisement, be given a price and would take his wife to see the home. Baltimore, Md.

As soon as it is established the couple was colored, an extra thousand dollars would be added to the original asking price.

Mayor Promises Action

Mayor Michael DeVita, after hearing of Doby's plight, sent a representative to visit the Cleveland Indians star to get full information and promised definite action. Sat. 1-8-49

Larry returned to Paterson on Dec. 21 from Cleveland where he was feted by some 3,000 persons, including Bill Veeck, president of the Cleveland Indians, and received a 1949 gray convertible Cadillac from Indian fans.

Thumbnail Sketches of Cleveland Indians

LARRY DOBY

Afro American
Baltimore, Md.
1-8-49

(Centerfielder)

Born in Camden, South Carolina, December 13, 1924. Throws right and bats left handed. Height: 6'1". Weight: 180 lbs. Brown eyes and black hair. Married. Winter home: Paterson, New Jersey.

"Within two years Larry Doby will be the best outfielder in the American League!" That was Tribe president Bill Veeck's appraisal of the husky young Negro who, just one short year ago, was the biggest question mark in the Indian roster.

When Doby reported for spring training in 1948 he was an outfielder in name only having played the position only on occasions in the colored leagues. By experience he was an infielder, primarily a second baseman. But Cleveland coaches, unimpressed by his early efforts around the keystone sack, suggested the switch and set in motion what may go down in history as one of the most brilliant careers in baseball.

Possessed with a rifle arm and the speed of a rabbit, Doby was well equipped physically for the new position but he had lots to learn. When Veeck predicted, early in spring training, that Doby would be in the opening day lineup, his words brought only polite smiles. After all, not only was he new to the outfield but also to the major leagues, having made only 32 unimpressive trips to the plate the previous summer.

What the young player did is now an integral part in the history of Cleveland's first pennant in 28 years. In his first exhibition appearance—a pinch hitting role—Doby poled out a long homer. Then he singled. Later came more hits and a couple of sensational running catches. More and more he slipped into the lineup. But those were only exhibition games and meant nothing—or did they?

By Opening Day he had won the right field job. Although jitters slowed his start considerably, making his debut something less than sensational, that was no bellwether. In the Indians' second game he lashed out his first major league homer off Detroit's Freddie Hutchinson to give the Tribe a lead they never relinquished.

During the season he added 13 others to become the only Indian to hit at least one homer in every American League park.

But equally important with batting improvement which earned him a .301 average by season's end, was his amazing progress in the field. For the first two and a half months his fielding percentage was an unimpressive .939, but in the remaining three he upped it to a more respectable .963. However, those figures alone show very little. Actually Doby, who didn't reach his 24th birthday until last December, was getting a better "jump" on fly balls, was handling grounders with more assurance. Playing centerfield by that time, he was covering considerably more ground with his tremendous speed.

By his contributions during the pennant race, Doby simply set the stage for an even better performance in the World Series. Not only was he the leading hitter among the Indians, but it was his booming homer which gave Gromek a 2-1 victory in the fourth game.

On the record, at least, Veeck might be guilty of an understatement. It might not take Doby two years.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1947	Cleveland	29	32	3	5	1	0	0	2	.156	9	3	0	1.000
1948	Cleveland	121	439	83	132	23	9	14	66	.301	287	12	14	.955
	A.L. Totals	150	471	86	137	24	9	14	68	.291	296	15	14	.956

[Editor's Note: This is what the World Champion Cleveland Indians publicity department says about Larry Doby and Satchel Paige in the club's 1949 press book.]

DOBY DEPT.—That 450-foot swat by Larry Doby of the Indians that is being hailed as Yankee Stadium's record homer didn't quite match the wallop he hit off Sid Hudson in Griffith Stadium last year. At least, not in Doby's thinking, it didn't. "I'd say my Washington homer was longer," he said. Washington Post Sp. Sat. 5-31-49

If Doby's New York smack traveled only 450 feet, then his Washington wallop was, indeed, longer. It was still in full flight when it crashed against the amplifier horns atop the centerfield wall, 407 feet distant, and mathematicians point to the fact that the horns are nearly 50 feet off the ground. Doby's ball would have come to earth at about the 470-foot mark, they estimate.

The amazing thing about Doby is that he is taking rank among the long-ball hitters despite his mere 180 pounds. Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Jimmy Foxx, Hank Greenberg and Johnny Mize were always either crowding or exceeding the 200-pound figure. And most of them were long fly-ball hitters, in contrast to Doby's penchant for line drives.

This Morning

The Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

With Shirley Povich

WHEN LARRY DOBY pumped that 500-foot home run over the scoreboard, over the Chesterfield sign and onto the rooftop beyond Griffith Stadium's right field wall the other night, even Clark Griffith could admire the majesty of the swat.

Fri. 5-27-49

But not for long.

POVICH

"Sid Hudson ought to be arrested," said Griffith, reacting from his esteem for the distance of Doby's wallop.

It was Griffith, the old pitcher, expressing himself. He wasn't exactly angry with Hudson, who had pitched the Nats to a nice 6-2 victory despite Doby, but the old pitcher in Griffith was outraged at the type of home-run pitch Hudson served up.

"He laid a high strike up there for Doby to swing at. High and fast, just the kind everybody knows Doby likes. Ya can't give him that kind of a pitch. He's got too much power. I don't know what Hudson was thinking about."

Hudson's afterthoughts, apparently, were much brighter. The next two times he faced Doby, he slowed up on him, serving up curve balls, and got him out with no trouble. "That's how you have to pitch to those fellows," observed Griffith.

GRIFFITH LATER confessed that on occasion he used to get tagged for home runs, too, especially by Ed Delehanty. "But I never grooved any for 'em. They had to reach out and bang 'em when they hit homers off me. I always knew who to be afraid of."

It's a pitching sin to throw fellows like Doby, Ted Williams and Charley Keller those high strikes, said Griffith. "That's setting up their power for 'em. You can get 'em out easier than they used to get Babe Ruth out. He had power on a low pitch, too. Used to golf 'em. These big hitters around now wait for that high one."

Doby isn't quite the smooth swinger that Ruth was, said Griffith. "Reminds me more of my guy, Goose Goslin, who used to unload everything he had against the pitch he liked, and fall on his face a lot of times, when he didn't connect. But Doby's power is wonderful. He's one of the long-ball hitters of all time. Nobody in the game now can power a ball as far, and when you realize he's only 180 pounds, it beats you."

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GRIFFITH WOULDN'T say that Doby's drive was longer than the ball Ruth hit over the dead center field wall in 1928, into the trees behind the fence. "I'm not sure that Ruth's hit was any farther," he said. "Anyway, you don't have to call Doby's homer the longest. Just comparing it with Ruth's hit is credit enough, especially when you can't prove Ruth's was longer."

Ruth put many a ball over the same scoreboard sector where Doby's went out of the park, but that was before the cigarette ad reared 20 feet higher than the wall. It's a rarity in Griffith Stadium when a ball is hit to any part of the scoreboard fence on the fly, 400 feet from home plate. Nobody had come close even to hitting the cigarette ad sign before Doby put his far over it.

For pure power it shamed what had been Doby's talked-of swat last summer when he rapped a Hudson pitch into the amplifier horns atop the fence in dead center. That ball had the benefit of a young gale on its flight, but Doby's wallop of the other night was in dead atmosphere, with the flags hanging limply from their staffs. A. A. U. timers would have had no quarrel with a record set that night.

INCIDENTALLY, what Doby did was to rewrite, actually, a good segment of this week's issue of The Sporting News, the baseball journal, just before it went to press. Its feature story was acclaiming Doby for the 450-foot homer he had hit in Yankee Stadium last week, hailed as a record clout there, and it had to be hastily revised to include as its new highlight Doby's Griffith Stadium wallop.

It was just a year ago, in Washington, incidentally, that the Cleveland club was ready to send Doby back to the minors for more seasoning. Bill Veeck delegated Hank Greenberg to break the news to the young outfielder, and Greenberg suggested that Doby be given another shot at a regular job. That idea was inspirational. Doby started on a hitting streak, and never was out of the Cleveland lineup thereafter, finishing with a .301 average.

Of Ruth's home runs, the late Walter Johnson used to say, "They got smaller faster than anybody else's." But that thing Doby hit was pea-sized when it climbed the barrier.

Fri. 5-27-49

Larry Joins Exclusive Bat Group

Detroit Free Press
Detroit, Mich.
Friday, 5-20-49

Chisox Triumph on Boston Error, 7-6

By the United Press

Out in the house that Babe Ruth built with his mighty home run bat, a quiet Negro named Larry Doby got one of the most amazing four-baggers of all Thursday.

Fri. 5-20-49

Doby, sophomore slugging star of the Cleveland Indians, crashed a fat pitch over the Yankee Stadium center field fence and into the bleachers about 450 feet away. The blow provided Pitcher Steve Gromek with a 3-2 victory.

Larry Doby Poles One 500 Feet

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Ill.

WASHINGTON—Larrupin' Larry Doby, the 183-pound Cleveland Indians' centerfielder, who is making like Babe Ruth with distance hits, blasted the longest homer of his career at Washington's Griffith Stadium Wednesday night.

On the strength of this prodigious poke, and despite the fact that Doby's average is under .260, Manager Lou Boudreau put Doby in the clean-up slot. This move was an effort to prevent the complete offensive collapse of the world champs and hitch on the Indians' wagon to the rising home run star.

The tremendous clout of Wednesday night—Doby's fifth of the year—like the record blow in Griffith Stadium last year, came off a Sid Hudson fast ball. It was a "rising line drive" that cleared the 55-foot right field wall, 400 feet from home plate and landed on a roof across an alley.

500-FOOT BLOW 6-4-49

Total distance on this blow was reckoned by veteran observers at 500 feet. They said it was longer than any ever hit in the park by Babe Ruth. It compared, too, with the best of those hit by the late Josh Gibson, Homestead Grays' catcher, who once blasted three out of the park in one game.

"I know I hit that ball further than any in my life," Doby told a reporter. "Better than the one in Yankee Stadium last week (450 feet and called the longest ever hit there). Better than the one here last year."

Incidentally, the Indians lost the game. Sat. 6-4-49

Larry, who is using a 32-ounce, Thurman Tucker model bat, in contrast to a 36-ounce ash last year, hit his sixth home run at Washington on Thursday night.

CLEVELAND VICTOR OVER BOMBERS, 10-4

N.Y. Times

Lemon, Saved by Benton, Wins in Box and Indians Record Sixth Straight Triumph

New York
Sat. 6-18-49

KELTNER CONNECTS TWICE

Doby, Lemon Also Blast Home Runs Off Lopat—Mapes Is Hitting Star for Yanks

By LOUIS EFFRAT

Bob Lemon had little, but Ed Lopat had less and the Indians romped to a 10-4 victory over the Yankees in their series opener at the Stadium yesterday. The home side never quite recovered from the first-inning shock of successive homers by Ken Keltner and Larry Doby. Keltner, who propelled another 2-run wallop in the seventh, was the big gun in the attack that brought Cleveland its sixth straight triumph.

Neither starter was on the scene at the finish, but by the time the Yankees got around to routing Lemon—Lopat departed for a pinch-hitter in this frame—in the seventh, the outcome was virtually sealed. Lemon, aiding his cause with a homer in the top of the seventh, was credited with his sixth victory of the year against a single setback. The lefthanded Lopat, who used to beat Cleveland with comparative ease, suffered his third defeat.

The visitors wasted little time solving the southpaw's delivery. After one out in the first, Ray Boone singled and Keltner followed with a 400-foot drive deep into the lower stands in left. It was his sixth homer of the campaign. Then Doby came up and smashed his tenth, this one a screaming wallop into the top deck in right. In less time than is needed to describe the action, the Indians had a 3-0 pull. 6-18-49

Scores on Woodling Hit

Lemon's control was off and his wildness led to the first Yankee run in the third. Phil Rizzuto walked, advanced on an infield out and tallied on Gene Woodling's single to center. The home team drew into contention in the fourth on Cliff Mapes' second homer of the season, a mighty drive into the bleachers, adjoining the New York bullpen.

However, Lopat fell deeper into the rut in the sixth. Boone walked and went to third on Keltner's single. A pass to Doby filled the bases, whereupon Joe Gordon's fly brought in Tommy Byrne to pitch to right scored Boone and Lou Boudreau's bunt squeezed home Keltner. A double-play killed this rally.

Cuddles Marshall blanked the opposition in the eighth and made the ninth. Before the southpaw retired the side, he had issued passes to Al Benton, Lemon's successor in the seventh, Dale Mitchell, Keltner, Doby and Gordon, bunted safely and Keltner homered, forcing over two runs. Byrne now passes to Al Benton, Lemon's successor in the seventh, Dale Mitchell, Lemon homered, Boone fly, Keltner, Doby and Gordon, The Yankees, in their half, started has handed out seventy-four bases with walks by Hank Bauer, up for on balls. Lopat, and Rizzuto. Dick Kryhoski's double scored Bauer and chased Lemon, Henrich's infield out then moved Rizzuto home.

Doby Paces Foxx, Ruth, Other Long Ball Smashers

500 Foot Homer at Washington Seen Longer Than Record Clouts by Jimmy Foxx at Chicago

By RIC ROBERTS

WASHINGTON—On Wednesday night, last week, a crowd of 28,573 Griffith Stadium fans gasped as Larry Doby crashed a record major league 500-foot home run which, climbing far and high in the darkness, soared at least ten feet above a 50-foot cigarette sign at the 400-foot mark, in deep right-centerfield, on and on, beyond the range of human vision. Ken Keltner scored ahead of him as the Cleveland Indians dropped their fifth straight game to the Washington Senators this season, 6-2.

On the very next evening, with Dale Mitchell aboard, Doby (moved from sixth to the clean-up slot in the Indians' batting order), timed a knuckle-ball serve and rifled it 465 feet, over and far beyond the 30-foot wall, in rightfield.

Next day, Clark Griffith admitted that the first clout may be the longest homerun he has seen during his 6-year-tenure in the big leagues. Only two titantic homeruns by Jimmie Foxx—two clouts that rode ten feet above the roof of the upper-deck leftfield stands in Comiskey Park, at the 385-foot level, and into a street beyond, back in 1932 and 1933—seem able to dispute with Doby's poke about being the longest of the kind in major league history.

Babe Ruth's historic Griffith Stadium homer of 1922, a wallop that landed in a cluster of trees beyond the centerfield corner, just outside the stadium, was at least fifteen feet longer than Doby's 450-foot drive that landed in the microphone in the same spot, on May 8, 1948.

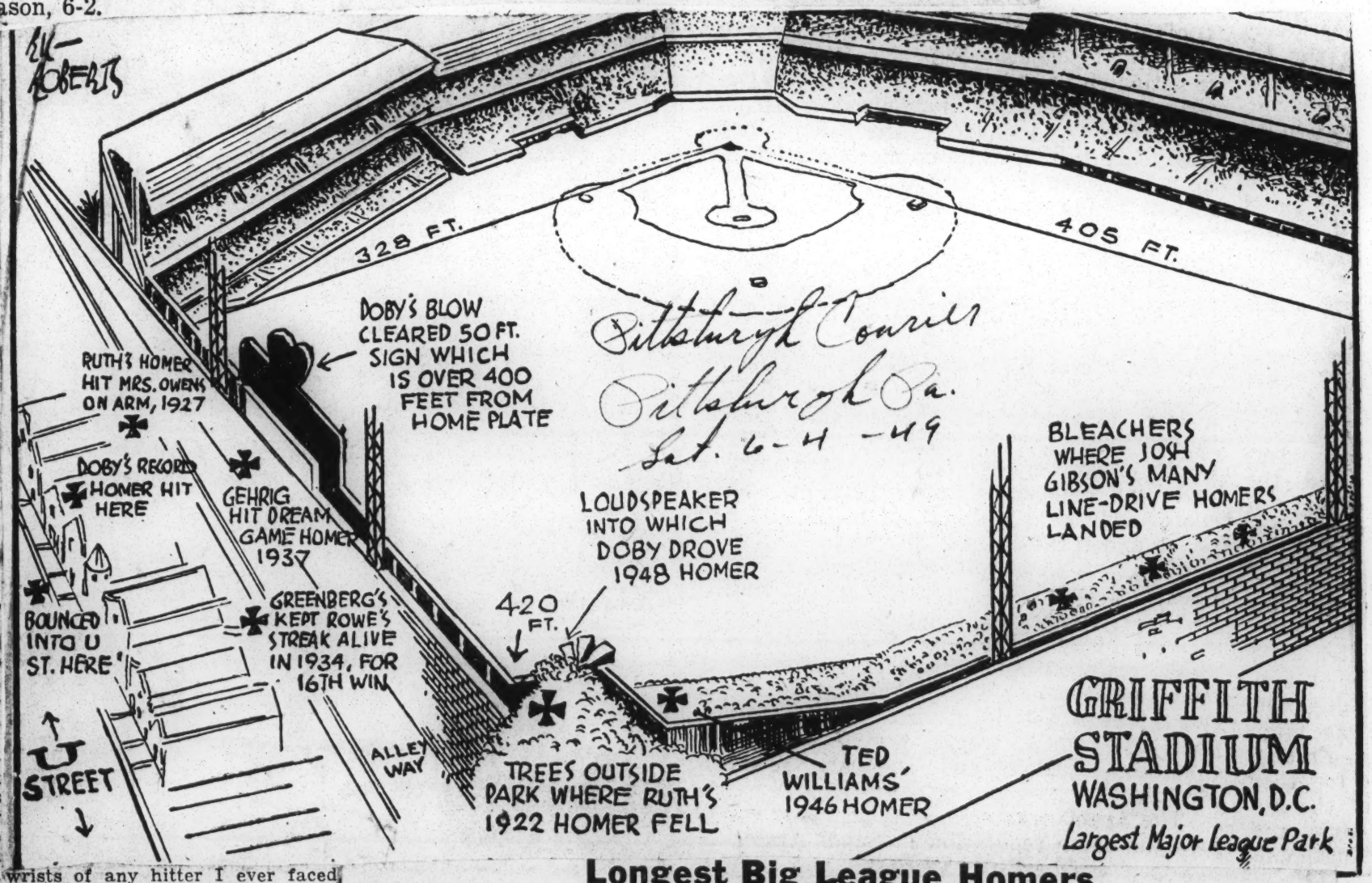
Doby's latest effort, however, wiped Ruth's record off the local books and if the comment of Senator Coach Clyde Milan, who came up as a Texas rookie back in 1907, means anything, the spectacular homers of Foxx have also been eclipsed.

Doby, a slender and wiry 180-pounder whose shoulders and neck are just beginning to thicken, is no counterpart of the long-homer cult of Giants of American League history: the 217-pound Ruth; Lou Gehrig, 210; Hank Greenberg, 215, and the 195-pound Foxx. His power is a miracle of rhythmic bat swinging.

Sid Hudson, the six-foot, three-inch Oliver Springs (Tenn.) right-hander—a starter in the annual All-Star game, back in 1942—who was the victim of Doby's record clout, as well as that of 1948, said:

"It was a much harder hit ball than the homer he got off me last year. The instant I saw him connect I said to myself, 'There goes the longest ball ever hit.' It certainly was the longest hit I've ever seen."

Mickey Haeffner, the trick-ball hurler who was victimized on the second 1949 clout, declared: "Doby has the fastest breaking pair of wrists of any hitter I ever faced, including Ted Williams."



GRIFFITH'S SUMMATION

After noting that Hudson used a high-fast one, when curves should have been served to Doby, Mr. Griffith (Hall of Fame Senators' president) concluded:

"Doby isn't quite the smooth swinger that Ruth was, but his power is wonderful. He's one of the long-ball hitters of all time. Nobody in the game now can power a ball as far, and when you realize he's only 180 pounds, it beats you." A fortnight ago, Doby hit the longest homer of Yankee Stadium history—a 450-foot clout to deepest centerfield and into the sixth tier of seats.

Longest Big League Homers

NAME			
Larry Doby	(Griffith Stadium, 1949)	500 Feet	Over 45-foot RF sign.
Jimmy Foxx	(Comiskey Park, 1933)	490 Feet	Over LF two-decker
Jimmy Foxx	(Comiskey Park, 1932)	485 Feet	Over LF two-decker
Jimmy Foxx	(Cleveland Municipal, 1934)	484 Feet	Into L-CF top deck
Ted Williams	(Comiskey Park, 1939)	483 Feet	Over RF two-decker
**Babe Ruth	(Polo Grounds, 1922)	482 Feet	Deepest centerfield
Wes Ferrell	(Cleveland Municipal, 1933)	479 Feet	Into L-CF lower deck
Larry Doby	(Griffith Stadium, 1949)	465 Feet	Over 30-foot RF wall
*Babe Ruth	(Wrigley Field, 1932)	460 Feet	CF bleachers
Babe Ruth	(Griffith Stadium, 1922)	460 Feet	Beyond CF wall
Hank Greenberg	(Comiskey Park, 1935)	455 Feet	CF bleachers
Babe Ruth	(Braves Field, 1923)	452 Feet	RF scoreboard
Larry Doby	(Yankee Stadium, 1949)	450 Feet	CF bleachers
Larry Doby	(Griffith Stadium, 1948)	450 Feet	Top CF 30-foot wall

** Drive caught in 1922 World Series by William Cunningham of the New York Giants—robbing Ruth of longest Series homer.

* Ruth called shot against Guy Bush, Chicago Cubs pitcher, in 1932 World Series.

Agreeing on $15,000 Doby Baseball Contract

Manager Lou Boudreau (left) and President Bill Veeck of the Cleveland Indians get together with Larry Doby, their star centerfielder, to agree on a 1949 baseball contract for the latter. Doby signed Saturday in Veeck's New York hotel room to receive an estimated $15,000 for the coming year with the world champions. The pact calls for an approximate $7,000 increase over his 1948 pay.

500-Foot Smash Declared Longest by Clark Griffith

Ball Clears Right-Centerfield Wall and Scoreboard, but Senators Win, 6-2

By SAM LACY, AFRO Sports Editor

WASHINGTON

A towering, 500-foot drive by Larry Doby cleared the scoreboard in Griffith Stadium's right centerfield here Wednesday night to start tongues of press box habitues and park officials wagging in debate as to whether or not a longer blast had ever been made by human hands for or against the Washington Senators.

But it was small comfort to the Cleveland Indians, for it simply served to magnify the ineptness of the world champions' batting of now. This and a second-inning single by Doby proved to be the chief contribution to the Tribe cause as Washington registered a 6-2 triumph.

However vain his efforts were, though, it was to the Cleveland centerfielder's credit that he picked the season's largest crowd to bear witness to his feat. A throng of 28,573 goggle-eyed fans gasped as Sir Larry's fourth inning clout cleared the wall at the Chesterfield advertisement and plunked down on the roof of a house on distant U St.

President Clark Griffith, questioned by the writer after the game, was enthusiastic in venturing the opinion no other player had ever surpassed Doby for distance.

Ruth's No Longer

"If my memory holds up, I don't believe Ruth ever hit a ball longer than that one. He really gave it a ride. I didn't give Doby credit for that one here last year when he hit into the amplifiers in dead center. The newspapers raved about it, but I didn't think it deserved the praise it got.

"There was a stiff wind that night and it helped the ball considerably. The one tonight, though, was legitimate."

Asked to estimate the distance of the blow, Griffith thought a moment and replied:

"It is 395 feet to the base of the fence where that ball cleared, and the fence itself is 20 feet high. With the carry, I would say it was better than 480 feet. I couldn't be too sure of that, naturally. But my guess would be pretty darned close to 500 feet."

Too Much Hudson

As for the game itself, there was just too much Sid Hudson and not enough of the 1948 Indians. The slim righthander held the champions in the palm of his throwing hand through the entire evening.

In only the second and fourth innings was the Tribe able to collect more than one of their seven hits in the same frame. Doby figured in both.

He slammed the Indians' first hit of Hudson, a ringing one-baser to center with two down in the second. He also figured in one of two rhubarbs which resulted in the canning of Washington manager Joe Kuhel by umpire Jim Boyer.

This came about when Doby, leaving first after his single, tarried long enough to confuse second baseman Sherry Robertson as the latter was attempting to field Mickey Vernon's slow dribbler. Kuhel, Robertson and shortstop Sam Dente argued long and loud that Doby interfered with the ball, but to no avail.

An inning later, when Kuhel resumed his protest, Boyer thumbed him out of the game.

Again in the fourth, Cleveland paired two safeties. Joe Gordon singled to right to open the inning. He was forced at second by Ken Keltner. The latter was propelled the rest of the way around when Larry stepped into Hudson's first pitch and shot his prodigious poke into the darkness beyond the stadium confines.

Satchel Paige toiled the last two innings, faced seven men and allowed neither hit nor run. Eddie Robinson, who was a teammate of the Lean One on the 1948 pennant winners, worked Satchel for one of his rare walks in the seventh. Nothing came of it, however, as there were two out at the time and Eddie Yost lofted to Keltner to retire the side.

Doby Hits 24th Homer of Season

DETROIT—Larry Doby hit his 23rd home run of the season as the Cleveland Indians closed the campaign with a 8-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers here Sunday.

The victory gave the Indians, last year's world champions, third place in the American League behind the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox.

Doby ending the season, his second full season in the majors, clouted [illegible] at bats, and handled two chances afield.

Doby's Bat Booms As Indians Win 4 Tilts

CLEVELAND—(NNPA)—Larry Doby gave yeomanly support to the six-hit pitching of Al Benton, a 38-year old veteran, as the Cleveland Indians last Tuesday defeated the Detroit Tigers, 5 to 2.

Leading the Cleveland attack, Doby got two hits, both doubles, in four times at bat, scored two runs and batted in one more.

In the third inning, Doby and Mickey Vernon both walked and then executed a double steal as Virgil Trucks wound up. Doby scored on a grounder by Manager Lou Boudreau.

DOUBLE SCORES TRESH

Doby also had a hand in two of the next three scoring innings. He led off in the fifth with a double to the fence in left-center and scored on a sharp single to center by Boudreau. In the eighth, following a walk to Mike Tresh and an infield hit to Dale Mitchell, Doby doubled to left center, scoring Tresh.

The winning run Monday night, August 15, was scored by Doby on a pinch single by Hal Peck with the bases loaded in the tenth inning and the score tied, giving the Indians a 4-to-3, victory over the Tigers.

Doby opened the Indians' half of the tenth with a single to right field. Vernon sent him to second on a sacrifice. Boudreau was purposely walked, and Joe Gordon, who homered in the seventh, beat out an infield hit, filling the bases. Peck was sent to pinch-hit for Johnny Berardino against the left-handed Hal Newhouser. With two strikes and one ball, Peck singled to right, scoring Doby with the winning run.

Doby got two hits in five times at bat. With two out in the eighth, he singled to center and went to third when George Vico, the Tigers' first baseman, fumbled Newhousers' throw on Vernon's smash. He was left stranded, however, when Boudreau bounced to Newhouser.

GETS 17TH HOMER

In the first game of a doubleheader Sunday, August 14, Doby got his 17th homer of the season off Mickey Haefner, immediately following Mitchell's seventeenth triple to give the Indians a two-run lead over the Chicago White Sox. The Indians won both games, 4-3 and 5-0.

Doby scored the winning run of the first game in the fifth. With a 3-2 lead and two men out, Howard Judson, Chicago's second pitcher, walked Mitchell and Doby. A single by Vernon scored Mitchell with the tying run and a single by Boudreau scored Doby with the winning run.

After Bob Lemon walked pinch-hitter George Metkovich in the ninth, Metkovich went to third on a wild throw to first by Doby, who caught Herb Adams' liner and attempted to double the runner.

FROM A TO Z

With SAM LACY

Afro Baltimore, Md. 4-14

WASHINGTON—Interesting story behind Larry Doby's recent home-run splurge is the fact that he is using Thurman Tucker's bat . . . borrowed it during batting practice in New York, came up in the game with Yankee Stadlium's longest circuit smash . . . Tucker's a Texan and he's the guy whose job Doby took last year . . . Cleveland baseball writers Gordon Cobbledick (an old-timer who doesn't effuse readily) and Harry Jones made a trip behind Griffith Stadium last Wednesday night to take a look at the scene where Doby's homer disappeared into the darkness . . . they came back insisting that "if it didn't travel 500 feet, it didn't travel 50" . . . President Clark Griffith told your correspondent immediately after the game: "I saw Ruth's and I saw Gehrig's, and others, but you can quote me as saying this one, by this boy, is the longest yet. . . . He has tremendous power for a young fellow weighing no more than 180 pounds."

SAM LACY

The Washington Senators' president, Clark Griffith, reiterated his interest in a "promising young colored player" . . . talking with me in his office last Thursday afternoon, he said he still feels the way he did when we discussed the matter in Orlando, Fla., last March . . . "I would like very much to pick up a good, young colored player . . . I don't want him simply because he's colored, though, for I still believe it isn't right to use these fellows for purposes of exploitation . . . As you know, I've always been opposed to this integration, not because of any feeling on the matter of race, but because I hated to see the nigra leagues fold up . . . Another thing. I didn't want to see the Communists get anything . . . You know, it wasn't anything but the Communists that wanted to get that program over . . . the nigras themselves didn't want it" . . . I interrupted: "Wait a minute, Mr. Griffith . . . you're away off base now . . . Colored people did want it; they wanted it the same as they want any other right to which they're entitled, and which gives them a Constitution-guaranteed opportunity to improve their economic condition . . . it was only the colored owner who frowned on integration and his motive was a purely selfish one." . . . Griff came back: "But Communists were using them . . . the nigras are in such great danger of becoming Communist tools that white people who are friendly toward them shudder at the thought" . . . I couldn't hide the grin . . . I retaliated: "Don't let it worry our 'white friends' too much . . . The colored people showed conclusively that they're quite capable of thinking for themselves when, a few weeks ago, they repudiated Paul Robeson, whom white people regard so highly, following his Paris speech." 4-4-49

Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Don Newcombe, Dan Bankhead, Sam Jethroe, Monty Irvin and Ford Smith will be present at a little Brooklyn church when Hank Thompson, Jersey City leftfielder, weds Cuban-born Maria Quesada on June 9th . . . La senorita will be celebrating her 22nd birthday (he's 25) . . . Smith will be best man . . . the Dodger trio will be available since they're at home entertaining the Cubs, and the Montreal pair will be in Jersey City along with the rest of the Royals to meet Tommy, Monty, Ford and the rest of the Little Giants . . . Look for the New York Giants to make that a tan trio or quartet with their Jersey City farm within the next week or ten days . . . George Crowe, ex-New York Black Yankee and Renaissance basketer, joined the Society of Prodigious Plumker Wednesday when his third New England League honor was a 400-foot swat at Portland . . . Crowe plays with Pawtucket, a Boston Braves farm.

Three years ago, a Baltimore sports columnist declared: "Jackie Robinson may be pretty good but I'd prefer Al Chocki (Baltimore Orioles) as my second baseman" . . . . he still has him . . . . Robbie, on Monday morning, was second only to Ted Williams in both major leagues in the matter of runs batted in . . . . Jackie had driven in 38 Brooklyn tallies to 39 for the Boston Red Sox strong boy . . . . looks a good bet to become the first of his race to crash the All-Star game which, incidentally, is to be played July 12th at Ebbets Field . . . . Have you taken a look at the lineups of the mixed teams in Organized Baseball lately? . . . . Robinson is batting fourth for Brooklyn, Larry Doby fourth for Cleveland, Monty Irvin fourth and Hank Thompson fifth for Jersey City, Orestes Minoso third and Luke Easter fifth for San Diego, Sam Jethroe first at Montreal, Jim Pendleton first at St. Paul, and Harry Simpson third and Al Smith fourth at Wilkes-Barre . . . . Every single one of 'em in a key slot in the batting order!

From Baltimore comes the word that Vernon Greene, president and general manager of the Baltimore Elite Giants, succumbed to a heart attack last Saturday morning . . . . This is a shocking bit of news, both to this column and to the Negro American League . . . . With all of that organization's inability to grasp the meaning of things, it certainly should be able to realize what a tremendous loss it has suffered in the demise of Greene . . . . Aside from being the most popular owner in NAL ranks, the Elites head man had more vision than any two operators in colored baseball combined . . . . a most likeable personality. a good businessman and an understanding employer . . . . that is what all who had any dealings with him have always said of Vernon (Fat Pappy) Greene . . . . I'll miss him . . . . terribly. 4-6-4-49

A nationally-circulated mag has uncovered an interracial baseball team which operates under colored ownership in the heart of Dixie . . . . According to the yarn, printed in the next coming issue, the club's known as the Lexington Hustlers and is owned by Carl (Butch) Glass, of Lexington, Ky. . . . Seven of the 19 players on the roster are white and one of them, Chuck Settle, led the team in batting last year . . . . Lexington-born Bobby Flynn was the first white boy to join the team . . . . he signed in 1947, the year of Jackie Robinson's induction at Flatbush . . . . Bobby liked it, talked other whites into joining the club . . . . now the mayor and other city officials sit in the unsegregated audiences as the Hustlers play their regular Sunday contests . . . . Settle, by the way, is a baseball coach at University of Kentucky and plays during the summer while taking graduate courses at Transylvania.

University of Illinois trackmen elcted Lou Irons to the team captaincy at the annual track-baseball banquet last week . . . . Lou was 1948 Big Ten high-jump champion . . . . It seems Cleveland is constantly producing brilliant hurdlers . . . . Harrison Dillard, perhaps the greatest of all time, folowed in the footsteps of Jesse Owens . . . . now Central High School, which graduated those two, has Ken Mischal, a 17-year-old timber-topper who already has been labeled the best in the Buckeye State . . . . Report is that Morgan State College may refuse to send her crack mile relay team to the major meets of the outdoor season, primarily because these meets are in California and the cost will run too high for the administration to stomach . . . . I seroiusly doubt this . . . . I can't believe any administration of any college in the country could be quite so blind.

The Baseball Writers Association of America has authorized this paper to accept votes in the annual All-Star baseball game balloting . . . . Readers who take advantage of this opportunity to have a voice in the composition of the teams for the 1949 extravaganza, are urged to vote honestly . . . . I am sure the majority of colored fans are true sports . . . . I hope all who vote will prove themselves to be . . . . In placing names in the various positions, AFRO readers will choose the man they consider the best at the job, RACE NOTWITHSTANDING.

With Shirley Povich

THE last thing Manager Lou Boudreau of the Indians might have surmised the other night was that Larry Doby would try to steal home at a time when the bases were full, none out, and Cleveland needing four runs to tie the Yankees.

POVICH

Doby did try to steal, didn't make it, and was slapped with a heavy fine by the Cleveland manager, who had no appreciation for the element of surprise as a tactic at that point.

But the exact magnitude of Doby's rockheaded thinking was best described by a Cleveland fan who grumbled: "And Boudreau should have fined him even if Doby had made it."

Certainly it was the fanciest boner in recent seasons, and magnified by a setting which found the second-place Indians battling to overhaul the Yanks. Every bleacherite and even your Aunt Kate knows "Ya don't try to steal home when yer four runs behind."

If Doby's brainstorm was unaccountable, at least the Cleveland outfielder is not in his solitude as a player who has lost a couple of pennants, and even World Series. And bigger stars than Doby have sprouted goats' horns. The late Lou Gehrig deprived himself of the 1931 home run title of the American League when, playing baseball, he passed Lyn Lary on the baselines after knocking a home run into Griffith Stadium's center field fence.

Harlem's party-giving Jay Clifford, social lion, and the highlights of the religious life of Chicago's Rev. Clarence Cobbs, known as the Windy City Prophet.

Doby, Paige, Minoso Forced to Walk

TEXARKANA, Texas—(ANP)—Jim crow had some of his feathers clipped during the exhibition baseball season, but the persistent cuss still pecked away at every opportunity.

In this proud Southern town, three outstanding members of the world champion Cleveland Indians baseball team were forced to stay in a jim crow hotel and denied the honor of riding in a local taxicab.

Consequently, Larry Doby, Satchel Paige, and the new Cuban sensation, Orestes Minoso, had to walk a mile and a half to the baseball park where they were to give the townsmen the opportunity of seeing a major league team.

But local cab drivers figured somehow that the trio of Negro stars was being given too much of a "break" already and maybe a little extra walking would keep them from feeling "so uppity."

Ted Carroll Analyzes Larry Doby "Boner"

By TED CARROLL

Baseball fans the country over and particularly in our uptown section of New York are still in a daze over Larry Doby's unbelievable steal-of-home attempt in the second game of the recent crucial Cleveland-Yank series. Instead of decreasing in magnitude as time goes by the meaning of Doby's dash home becomes more perplexing as the season wears on.

Even the most rabidly partisan uptown fans were struck dumb when attempting to alibi or excuse the Paterson boy's blunder. There is much anxiety that whatever Larry's exploits from now on out, he will be forever linked with this "skuller" even as Roy Riegels, an All-American, gained an everlasting left-handed fame as the football player who ran the wrong way.

Doby Action Mystifying

Each time the circumstances surrounding Doby's dash are reviewed his action becomes more mystifying. Here was the situation: none out in the eighth inning, bases full, Doby on third, Bob Kennedy at bat, Cleveland five runs behind in the second game of the most important series so far in the American League pennant race.

Had Doby succeeded in his attempt his run would have meant little, as it turned out his "out" at the plate broke the back of a potentially game-winning inning. The steam seemed to be out of the Cleveland attack following this fandango for the rest of the series.

Blow to Bossmen

Saddest note of the "snafu" was the body blow dealt Cleveland bosses Bill Veeck and Hank Greenberg who have made Doby their darling since bringing him into the league two years ago. Both these stalwarts were emphatic in their disgust and who could blame them?

Of course Doby was not the first nor will he be the last to "mess up" in such fashion. The one and only Babe Ruth wasn't above such aberrations now and then. In the 1926 World Series The Bambino, on first, became the final out of the St. Louis-Yankee classic of that year with a meaningless attempted steal of second. This occurred in the famous game in which Grover Cleveland Alexander fanned Tony Lazzeri with the bases full in the seventh inning as St. Louis went on to win.

Queried as to the reason for his mad maneuver the Babe growled, "It looked like a good idea, that's why."

Babe Herman Did, Too

Babe Herman old time Brooklyn outfielder was a two-time loser in the Bonehead Derby. The Babe was hit on the head with a fly ball one day (incidentally this also happened to Doby last year) and was one of three Brooklyn players who wound up on third base on another occasion. Herman was a wonderful hitter but never lived down this pair of incidents and it was around him the legend of daffy Brooklyn baseball had its beginnings.

Some deep thinkers declare that a desire to outdo Jackie Robinson dictated Doby's dash. Another sidelight of the silly scamper is the abuse still being heaped upon Coach Steve O'Neill by Cleveland fans who refuse to believe that he did not give Doby the go-ahead signal. O'Neill, aggravated by the accusation, swears he was the most surprised guy in the park when Doby took off for home.

Occasionally a caper that misfired such as this arouses a challenging spark to make amends, in an athlete, that speeds him along the way to greatness. Everyone is hoping such a development will take place with Larry Doby and that his booming bat and great potentialities will erase all memory of his nightmarish display of July 20, 1949.

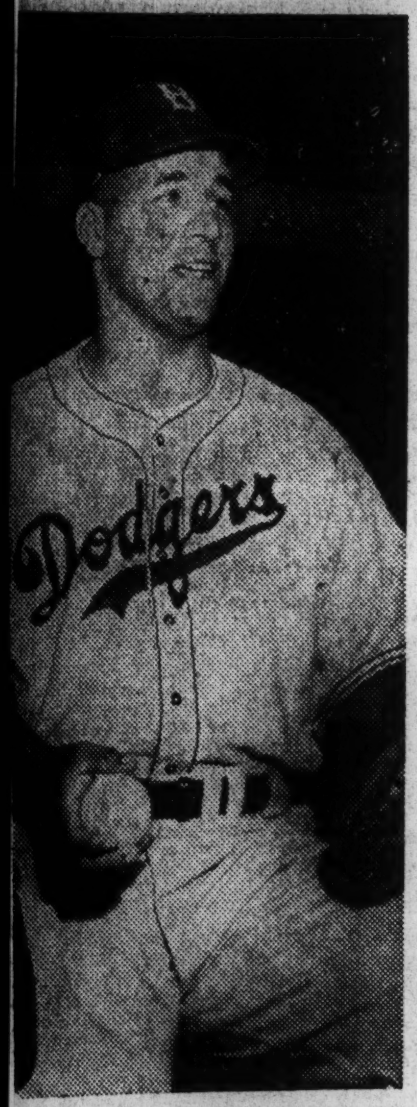
Pitching Doby Babe Center Field Made Him Star

Doby is today's "big stick" the big leagues. But if it hadn't been for an alert Cleveland coach, the fleet footed outfielder might still be plugging away in the Negro league—or knocking balls in the Mexican league. Fast as an antelope, Larry was spotted prompted Tribe mentor Lou McKechnie to shift him to the outfield pastures in 1947 from second base where he could better use his speed. It was the turning point of Doby's baseball career in the major leagues and from there on he went on to become a dangerous man at bat, the Negro star of the World Series champs reveals in the May issue of OUR WORLD magazine. Such baseball experts as the great Tris Speaker and Lou Boudreau, playing shortstop-manager of the Tribe, are emphatic in their praise for Doby and say he's "marked for greatness."

The picture story of the entire State of Florida is also well covered in this edition with OUR WORLD'S camera taking its readers on the beaches where local and visiting Negroes relax, into the luxurious homes to witness the parting done by the professional and business set and on the campus of Florida colleges.

Other features are Hampton Institute, created after the Civil War by a southern general; the return of the famed "Black Eagle," Col. Hubert F. Julian, from the war-torn Indonesian battlegrounds with a first hand description of the fighting; the social activities of

Dodgers' Aces Ready



ROY CAMPANELLA
. . . league's leading catcher

By BILL NUNN Jr.

BROOKLYN—Amid the turmoil and excitement surrounding the World Series between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Yankees, a few well-emphasized words from the lips of Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella and big Don Newcombe, stood out in capital letters for all the world to read, Sunday.

"We'll get 'em this time," was the timely remark of Brooklyn's three great sepia stars as they rode the rails from Philadelphia to New York after winning the National League pennant. By "them" the three beige headliners for the Bums were referring to the Yankee's and the time back in 1947 when the Bronx Bombers won the baseball title from the Dodgers in seven games. That was Jackie's first year in the majors.

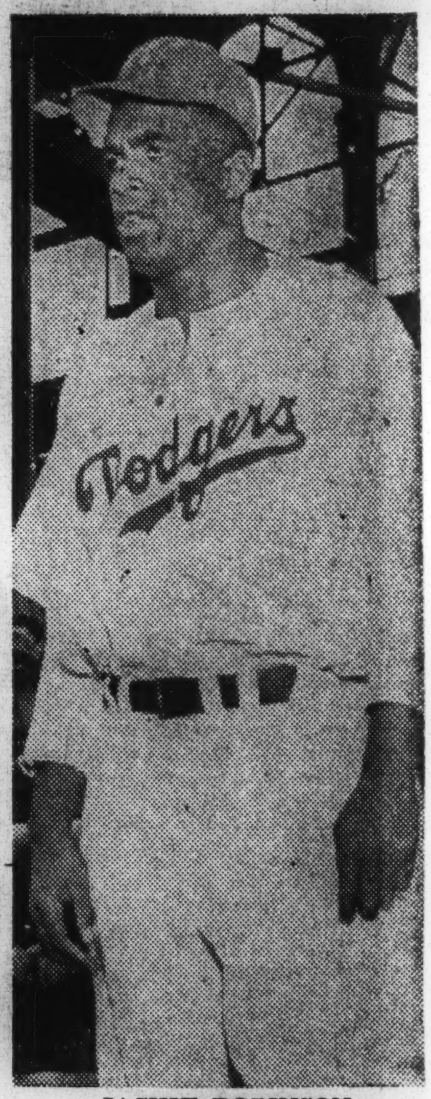
"That was the hardest game of my life—football or baseball. Nothing ever took more out of me," commented Jackie after that vital Philadelphia win.

"Now we're after those Yanks. They're a good ball club, they had to be in order to beat the Redsox. But we carried them to seven games in 1947 and we have enough experience now to beat them."

Roy Campanella chirped in at this point with, "the Yankees might be tough, but I don't see how they can be any tougher than those Phils were today. Man, they really made us sweat."

DON NEWCOMBE
. . . league's ace rookie hurler

Asked to comment on Newcombe's inability to hold the Phillies' bats in check, Roy said, "He was getting his stuff in too high . . . that three-run homer by Willie Jones was on a high pitch." The next few days will tell the story!



JACKIE ROBINSON
. . . league's leading batter

2 DODGERS GET BIBLES

Ceremony Marks 140th Year of Publication Society

Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella of the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team received inscribed Bibles yesterday afternoon at Bethany Baptist Church, Sumner Avenue and Decatur Street, Brooklyn. The ceremony marked the 140th anniversary of the founding of the New York Bible Society.

Harold B. Pretlove, president of the society, made the presentations to each man "in recognition of outstanding contribution as a Christian layman to the improvement of race relations in New York."

The exercises were conducted by the Rev. V. Simpson Turner, associate director of the Harlem branch of the society. The Rev. Charles L. Carrington of the Brooks Memorial Methodist Church, Jamaica, Queens, emphasized use of the Bible as a daily guide, declaring that "there is no better design for living."

JOHN BRADBERRY

Negro Fans Root For Both Teams

Atlanta Constitution

PONCE DE LEON PARK—The tipoff on the crowd was the traffic before the game. Cars were bumper to bumper on Ponce de Leon an hour before 8:15, first-pitch time for the Cracker-Dodger exhibition game.

Guesses in the press box as to its size during the first inning placed it at 16,000, some 6,000 of them Negroes intent on seeing Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella. Actually there were 15,119 paying customers.

Watching them file into the vast expanses of center field, one wondered just which team the majority of them wanted to win. On the one hand, there were two of their color playing for the first time against white boys in Atlanta, at least, officially. Naturally, they must have taken considerable racial pride in this fact. Sat-4-9-49

But on the other hand, Negroes are among the most loyal of Atlanta supporters and surely they must have felt a baseball fan's natural desire to see the home team win.

Mingled Emotions And one could hardly determine their feelings by what happened thereafter.

Robinson came to bat in the first inning, men on first and second. There was mild ouburst of boos from the white stands, but the applause grew in volume and quickly drowned them out.

Robinson's first attempt might have been a sign of things to come for the Crackers. He could have been the hero or the goat right at the barrier in the first inning.

As it turned out, he was the hero—with an assist from fate. He lashed a ball on the ground at Jack Hollis.

It looked like an inning-ending, double-play ball. But no, the gods smiled on Jackie and decreed the ball should take a bad hop on the last bounce and go on into right field for a run-producing single.

And the reaction from the Negroes in the crowd was one of pleasure.

Robinson Singles Robinson came to bat again in the third inning and lashed another hit—legitimate, this time—to left field. But there was practically no reaction, certainly no more than would have followed a hit by any other visiting player.

The first disturbance among the fans came in the fourth inning, in the white section back of the plate. A couple of portly citizens, probably with leaky hearts and liquid-filled stomachs, created a flurry which lasted perhaps a minute before they were escorted firmly to the front gate by gendarmes.

Until this happened, the biggest extracurricular excitement was created by a couple of equally portly gents in their intense scuffle for a foul pop in the third-base box seats.

All this time, Roy Campanella, the Dodgers' other Negro star, was going almost unnoticed, although getting a hit his first time at bat.

In fact, he received his greatest attention in the sixth inning when, after two balls were called, he was given an intentional pass to load the bases.

Usual Scene In a little while it was all over, the Dodgers winning, 6-3.

Campanella caught Chet Hajduk's foul pop back of the plate and the field was immediately flooded with kids. The Dodger catcher tossed the ball to the nearest—a white boy.

The crowd filed out as orderly as it had arrived. The only difference being the score cards and bottles and peanut bags it left scattered in its wake.

Once again the cars were lined bumper to bumper on Ponce de Leon, this time filled with people who felt no contamination after having watched two Negroes play baseball with and against white people. Sat. 4-9-49

The Atlanta players didn't feel any either.
After all the American sports fan also is basically a sportsman.

Let's Hang Out The Welcome Mat

Atlanta Daily World
Atlanta Georgia
Sun 4-3-49

The scheduled appearance of Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella in Atlanta April 8, 9 and 10 with the Brooklyn Dodgers in an exhibition with the Atlanta Crackers offers a wholesome opportunity for Georgia to dispel the fog of prejudice and intolerance which has surrounded this state.

It can give the lie to much of the publicity in newspapers and magazines circulated over the nation which pictures Georgia as a backward state in which lynchings, masked hoodlums, and lawbreakers abound and in which gleeful lawlessness is sanctioned with legal and governmental support.

A tolerant and sportsmanlike view of the two players can restore us unto the fellowship of states which make up the United States — and in which we have developed the Great American Pastime of organized baseball.

We in Atlanta and Georgia know that much of that which is written and said about Georgia is untrue. We know that the Ku Klux Klan spirit is in minority and that the majority of citizens are fair and law abiding. Unfortunately the good is seldom written and the evils of the state are glamourized in stories and features — it is this in which the characterizations of us have been obtained.

Jackie Robinson is a native Georgian who first saw the light of day in Cairo, Ga. Campanella is a citizen of the United States which means that he like Jackie is claimed by us all.

We welcome Jackie and Roy in Atlanta. We commend the management of the Atlanta Crackers for giving us a chance to see them in baseball, sportsmanship, dignity and in honor. Sun. 4-3-49

Only Klan Irked As Dodgers List 3 Cracker Games

Sat. 47a
The Constitution 1-15-49
Atlanta, Ga.

By JOHN BRADBERRY
Constitution Sports Editor

Announcement yesterday of a three-game exhibition series between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Atlanta Crackers in April—thus pitting white and Negro baseball players against one another—created the expected reaction from the Ku Klux Klan, but otherwise failed to cause much stir in official State and county circles.

Grand Dragon Samuel Green, of the Klan, questioned the legality of Negroes Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella competing against the Crackers on April 8, 9 and 10.

"You can bet your life I'll look up the segregation law and investigate thoroughly," he said.

However, Gov. Talmadge, busy with the current session of the Legislature, merely said he wasn't familiar with the law concerning mixing races in athletic contests and suggested that any action would have to come from Fulton County Solicitor Paul Webb, since the games will be played at Ponce de Leon Park. Sat.

Solicitor Webb was equally unconcerned, saying, "I don't know of any law covering such a situation." 1-15-49

The announcement of the games was made by Pres. Branch Rickey of the Dodgers, who said that his Negro stars would play in all Brooklyn exhibition games, including those in Texas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Robinson played in similar contests last Spring in Texas, Oklahoma and Asheville, N. C., without incident.

Pres. Earl Mann, of the Crackers, said, "We will play whatever team the Dodgers put on the field. Since Robinson and Campanella are rated as regulars, we expect they will be in the lineup."

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Dr. Ralph B. Ferguson, Chairman of Miami's Baseball Commission, said yesterday the Brooklyn Dodgers and Boston Red Sox would play an exhibition baseball game here in March with Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella, Negroes, in the Dodger line-up.

"They (Robinson and Campanella) are going to play. We received authorization from the City Commission. It was our attitude that if the Dodgers played a Miami team, it might be different. But they will be playing another major league team and both the American and National Leagues use Negroes."

Robinson, appearing on his nightly sports broadcast over Radio Station WMCA in New York, said:

"This is my reaction to the statement about the Ku Klux Klan. I will play baseball where my employer, the Brooklyn Dodgers, wants me to play.

"I don't know how far this objection can go, but I hope very much that fans in Atlanta, or all over America, will not allow this objection to cause a cancellation of the game."

Crackers Drub Dodgers, 8-4, Win Series Before Record 25,221 Poncey Throng

By F. M. WILLIAMS
Constitution Sports Writer

A record-breaking crowd of 25,221 spectators—13,885 of them Negroes who came to see and pay tribute to Brooklyn's Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella—watched the amazing Atlanta Crackers slap the Dodgers down for the second straight time yesterday, 8 to 4.

The attendance broke by several thousands the record of 21,812 set last opening day against Birmingham and was even larger than the previous high of 21,642 for an exhibition game. That mark was set in 1946 when the New York Yankees were here.

Cracker Pres. Earl Mann said after the game that more than 5,000 persons turned back at the gates when they learned that nothing but standing room was available.

"And to add to it all," Mann said, "not a single person asked for a refund. It was not only the largest crowd ever to see a game in the Southern Association but one of the most orderly I've ever witnessed."

But just as remarkable as the turnout of customers was the way the Crackers waded into the Dodgers and wrecked them before the game was three innings old.

They shelled Carl Erskine, starting hurler, off the hill in less than two innings, got rid of Willard Ramsdell, the first relief man, in less than one frame and then got to Jack Banta for a pair of tallies before settling down into normalcy for the last four stanzas.

Ten of the 12 hits Manager Cliff Dapper's boys got came in the first four innings.

Jack Hollis greeted Erskine with a single and little Rusty Morgan put down a perfect bunt and then beat it out for a hit. Ralph Brown moved them up a notch with a sacrifice and Al Flair drove them home with a double.

Erskine got the first man to face him in the second but he didn't stay around long enough to get anybody else out. Manager Dapper walked, and Norman Brown, who pitched his usual steady game and got three hits in four tries, singled. Hollis doubled, scoring Dapper, and Ramsdell came in to pitch for the Bums.

He struck Morgan out but Ralph "Country" Brown rapped a double to left center, scoring Norman Brown and Hollis. Ramsdell, trying to pick Brown off second, hit the Cracker star in the back and Brown had to leave the game.

Larry Drake led off the third with a single and when Ramsdell hit Gearhart with a pitched ball, he joined Erskine in the showers and Banta took over. Banta got Verble on a foul to the catcher but he then walked Dapper and Norman Brown got his second hit to score Drake.

The Crackers ended their scoring in the fourth. With one out, Flair drew a walk and Drake singled. Gearhart forced Drake but Verble lashed a single to drive in Flair and when "Spider" Jorgenson made a high throw to second after fielding Dapper's grounder, Gearhart scored.

Yesterday's attendance brought the total for the three games with Brooklyn to 49,309 and the exhibition season total for seven games to 73,350. The Crackers have three more exhibitions, against Boston's Red Sox today and the Philadelphia Athletics tomorrow night and Wednesday afternoon.

Brooklyn didn't deserve the first run off Brown. Robinson, who had two hits, opened the second inning with a double into the left field crowd. Carl Furillo popped out but Billy Cox hit a high fly to right and Drake lost it in the sun. It fell for a double, although Robinson stopped at third. He had held up at second, thinking Drake would catch the ball.

Connors popped to short left field for the second out and then on the second pitch to Hodges, Robinson broke for home and slid in safely under Dapper's mitt.

Singles by Robinson and Furillo and a fly to left by Cox got another run in the fourth and the Dodgers added another in the seventh after two were out. Cal Abrams beat out a slow roller to second and Jorgenson walked. Mike McCormick, who took over for Duke Snider in center after Jocko Conlan had chased him for arguing, cracked a single to left to score Abrams.

The last run came on Furillo's single, a double into the center field crowd by Cox, and Connors' infield out in the eighth inning.

As the Dodgers moved out of Atlanta, mighty Ted Williams and the Boston Red Sox, one of the favorites to cop the American League pennant, move in.

The Crackers and the Sox clash in a single game this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

It will be a sort of a home coming for Kiki Cuyler, manager of the Crackers for the last five years. Cuyler is now a Red Sox coach.

It will also be a home-coming for young Billy Goodman, the $75,000 former Cracker outfielder whom the Red Sox bought in 1946. Goodman played first base for the Bosox last year but has been used in right field in most games this Spring.

Bill Kennedy, who southpawed the Red Sox to a 1-0 defeat in a game last Spring, will do the hurling for the Crackers but the Red Sox pitcher was not announced.

SHORT NOTES—Ralph Brown was hit in the small of the back when **Willard Ramsdell** tried to pick him off second in the second inning. . . . **Brownie** had to leave the game for an unusual reason. . . . **Mgr. Dapper** told the umpires he was putting **Charlie Woddail** in for Brown, and led him from the field. . . . When they reached the dugout **Brown** asked to stay in and went back to second. . . . Umpire **Jocko Conlan** told Dapper that Brown was officially out of the game and the substitution stuck. . . . **Duke Snider** pulled a neat trick on his old pal, **Mgr. Dapper,** to cut short a Cracker uprising in the third. . . . When **N. Brown's** Texas leaguer was fielded by Snider, he threw to second instead of home and Dapper was caught as he had taken a big lead off the bag. . . . **Jack Hollis** came up with a great play to throw out **Abrams** in the third. . . . He not only went a long ways to get the ball but had to make a snap throw to get the speedy Dodger outfielder.

Umpire **Jocko Conlan** threw **Snider** out of the game in the sixth. . . . Conlan ruled that **Abrams** had gone into the crowd along the left-field line to catch a foul fly off **Dapper's** bat. . . . **Snider** howled long and loud and got the heave-ho right quick, much to the delight of the crowd. . . . On the next pitch Dapper hit a line drive foul right into the glove of **Dick Hoover,** who was sitting in front of the ropes back of third base.

Both teams made two double plays. . . . The only error was against **"Spider" Jorgenson,** who made a high throw to second after fielding Dapper's grounder in the fourth inning. . . . In seven games against big-league pitching the Crackers have gotten 77 hits, an average of 11 per game. . . . They got 15 off the **Dodgers** Saturday and an even dozen yesterday.

Atlanta Crowd Of 25,221 Fans See Crackers Beat Brooklyn

Doerr's Homer Enabled Red Sox To Beat Barons

BY JACK HAND

ATLANTA, April 10— (AP) — They hung from the rafters at Ponce de Leon Park today as a rootin' tootin' crowd of 25,221 set a new Atlanta record to see the home town Crackers drub Brooklyn, 8-4.

More than half of the throng, 13,885 to be exact, were Negroes who came to watch Jackie Robinson, the Dodgers' Negro second baseman, do his stuff.

Jackie drew war whoops from the Negro sections in the outfield with a double and a single and two scores. The big thrill for them was Robinson's clean steal of home in the second inning.

The Negroes overflowed the special bleachers in left and center and stood about 10 deep all around the field. Each of the four tiers of the right field harbored its quota of standees.

Some brought lunch and made a picnic of it under the shade trees on the slope in deep center field. There was no unfriendly demonstration of any kind for Robinson except for a few scattered boos on his first appearance at the plate.

The terrific crowd in a park seating only 24,500 erased a record set opening day of last year 21,812.—

For the three games in Atlanta, where the Ku Klux Klan had threatened to stop the Dodgers' two Negroes from playing, the paid attendance was 49,299. This was a new series record for Atlanta.

It made the Brooklyn club's exhibition total 143,060 with seven games to play.

The Dodgers took home a bundle of cash but little else. They looked bad in losing to the Crackers for the second day in a row. Brooklyn pitching was tapped for 12 hits, 10 in the first four innings when Atlanta blasted Carl Erskine, Willard Ramsdell and Jack Banta for all of their runs.

Righthanded Norm Brown went all the way for the home club.

In the sixth inning, National League Umpire Jocko Conlan banished Outfielder Duke Snider of the Dodgers for protesting a decision. Conlan nullified a catch by Left Fielder Cal Abrams on a foul ball hit into the standing crowd in left field. Abrams squawked, too, but Snider got the gate.

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Erskine, Ramsdell (2), Banta (3) and Hodges; Brown and Dapper.

Another Georgia Incident

There is also good news from Georgia. A few days ago Branch Rickey announced that the Brooklyn Dodgers would play three exhibition games [illegible] come April. Ordinarily this might be sports-page routine except that the Ku-Klux Klan chose to take special notice. Among the Brooklyn players are Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella, both of whom, as it happens, are Negroes. The Klan felt that local law and custom would be outraged if Robinson and Campanella appeared against the Atlanta team. In this opinion the Klan was thoroughly wrong. Neither the State Attorney General nor the City Attorney could find any law against blacks and whites meeting on the playing field, and The Associated Press reports that when fifty persons were canvassed at random out of the Atlanta telephone book forty were enthusiastically favorable, four indifferent and only six opposed. The Klan was making a lot of noise about not very much. Robinson and Campanella are a pair of visiting big leaguers, not a political incitement. The people of Atlanta refuse to be disturbed.

Atlanta, true enough, is not Georgia. The rural brigades of Governor Talmadge, with their embedded county-unit hold on government, probably disapprove this evidence of the metropolitan outlook. But the South is composed of many forces, and Southern people are as different as, say, the New York population. It was only a couple of years ago that Jackie Robinson was nervously introduced in major league baseball. Up to that time the Negro was barred by unspoken rule. Now, thanks to the same Branch Rickey, the Negro has been accepted on merit. Few people think twice about this old bugaboo. The preconceived notion of public opinion was wrong; the Negro proved to be a valuable addition, afield and at the box office. We are glad to see that the Atlanta Ku-Kluxers are equally mistaken in their estimate of one section of the South. The incident of the Dodgers is hardly a turning point in history, but therein is its importance. In Atlanta the Negro won a point without trying. There was no argument. So casual can progress be.

MADE A TRIPLE PLAY FOR DODGERS AT EBBETS FIELD

Gene Hermanski, Jackie Robinson and Gil Hodges hold up one, two and three fingers to denote the order in which they scored the first three-play killing of the season for the Brooklyn team. Alvin Dark, Boston infielder, flied to short left field in the third inning and Hermanski came in fast for a shoestring catch. He then threw to Robinson to catch Johnny Sain off second and Robinson relayed to Hodges in plenty of time to nail Ed Stanky at first. Wed-4-27-45 Associated Press

BROOKS, WITH ROE, DOWN BOSTON, 5-2

New York Times

Only Runs Off Preacher Ar

Dark, Torgeson 4-Baggers Give Dodgers Regain Lead

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3-WAY KILLING IN THIRD

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Hermanski, Robinson, Hodges Make a Sensational Play—Reese Homers Off Sain

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Manager Barney Shotton yesterday decided to remove Al Abrams from his starting line-up for the first time and replace the Brooklyn boy with Gene Hermanski, the Newark haberdasher—and the results must have astonished even the self-contained Dodger pilot.

Hermanski not only smacked a home run into Bedford Avenue in the first inning but made an extraordinary catch that started a triple play in the third frame to extricate Preacher Roe from his only difficult situation.

The Dodgers went on to win from the champion Braves, 5—2, and regained first place in the league race, thereby giving 10,019 cash customers and 3,000 high school youngsters a perfectly lovely afternoon in the Ebbets Field sunshine.

Roe, pitching the third complete game for the Brooklyn staff thus far—Joe Hatten and Ralph Branca turned in the other pair against the Giants—tossed two home run balls to account for the Boston runs. Al Dark popped a high one into the lower left-field stands in the first inning and Specs Torgeson belted a lusty one over the scoreboard in the ninth.

Second Honor for Reese

Peewee Reese lined his second homer of the campaign into the lower left-field seats off Johnny Sain for a solo in the fifth and this helped to give Sain his second setback against no victories. Roe gained his first triumph after having lost one.

The triple play, which stirred the fans into a dither of excitement, came after opening singles to left and right center by Sain and Eddie Stanky, put the runners on first and second. Then Dark lifted a twisting fly to short center. Reese raced back and Hermanski tore in for the ball.

Both Sain and Stanky apparently decided nobody could catch it, for Johnny was at third and Stanky almost at second when Gene snared the ball with a last desperate reach that nearly took him off his feet. But he remained upright and made a quick, lobbing throw to Jackie Robinson, doubling Sain, and Jackie fired the ball to Gil Hodges, well ahead of Stanky's return to first.

That triple killing seemed to take all the starch out of the Braves and thereafter they put only three men on base until Torgy's homer—Bob Elliott on a pass and Jim Russell on a single in the fourth and another single by Russell in the seventh.

Double Play in Fourth

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Clint Conatser slapped into a double play in the fourth to erase that Boston threat of two aboard and one out.

The Boston left-fielder also was a grave offender in the Brooklyn fourth when he muffed a fly similar to the one on which Hermanski started the triple play. Duke Snider and Robinson were on second and first via singles and two were out when Hodges lifted his fly to short left center.

Naturally the runners were going, so when the ball bounced out of Conatser's hands and rolled out of reach the two unearned runs that made the difference in the ball game scored easily.

The Brooks picked up one more in the seventh on singles by Roy Campanella, Hermanski and Snider, plus a sacrifice by Roe, who, incidentally, bunted successfully with two strikes against him.

3-Ply Killing In 1944

It was the first triple play executed by the Dodgers since Aug. 6, 1944, when the Braves also were the victims at Ebbets Field.

X-ray reports on Billy Cox's foot, thought to have been fractured when Campanella stepped on it in Philadelphia last Saturday, were negative.

There's a new "neuro" heating machine on trial in the Dodger clubhouse. Bruce Edwards seemed to have been helped by it, Doc Wendler said, "but he hurt his arm throwing in practice today."

Morris Martin has a very sore left arm. He has a pulled tendon at the back and above his elbow. Martin had his arm in the whirlpool bath yesterday, then stayed in the clubhouse "where it'll be warm," he said, during the game.

Paul Minner, the longest southpaw in the business—6 feet 5—will get his first start today at the Polo Grounds against the Giants.

Reese's homer gave him a six-game hitting streak. . . . Snider has hit safely in his last five and with a lot of power, his blows including a triple and two doubles, not to mention some of the "loudest" fouls ever struck. Duke got three hits in four appearances yesterday.

The box score:

BOSTON (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Stanky, 2b	4	0	1	2	0	0
Dark, ss	4	1	1	2	4	0
Torgeson, 1b	4	1	1	9	0	0
Elliott, 3b	3	0	0	1	5	0
Russell, cf	4	0	2	2	0	0
Conatser, lf	3	0	1	4	0	1
Holmes, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Masi, c	3	0	0	2	0	0
Sain, p	3	0	1	1	2	0
Total	31	2	7	24	11	1

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Reese, ss	4	1	1	2	1	0
H'manski, lf	4	1	2	2	1	0
Snider, cf	4	1	3	3	0	0
Robinson, 2b	4	1	1	3	3	0
Furillo, rf	4	0	1	3	0	0
Cox, 3b	4	0	0	0	5	0
Hodges, 1b	4	0	0	10	0	0
Cam'nella, c	3	1	1	4	0	0
Roe, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
Total	33	5	9	27	11	0

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Brooklyn ..... 1 0 0 2 1 0 1 0 .—5

Runs batted in—Dark, Hermanski, Reese, Snider, Torgeson.

Two-base hit—Snider. Three-base hit—Furillo. Home runs—Dark, Hermanski, Reese, Torgeson. Sacrifice—Roe. Double play—Cox, Robinson and Hodges. Triple play—Hermanski, Robinson and Hodges. Left on bases—Boston 3, Brooklyn 5. Bases on balls—Off Roe 1. Struck out—By Sain 1, Roe 2. Winner—Roe (1—1). Loser—Sain (0—2). Umpires—Warneke, Stewart and Conlon. Time of game—1:44. Attendance—10,019.

Protest By KKK Is Disregarded

Washington Post
Washington D.C.
Sun-25-6-49

By Edwin Pope

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 15 (U.P.)—Southern cities in which the Brooklyn Dodgers have scheduled spring exhibition games ignored the protests of the Ku Klux Klan leader today and heartily welcomed the coming appearances of Negro stars Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella.

Disregarding the angry dissent of Dr. Samuel Green, grand dragon of the KKK, responsible officials and sports writers throughout Dixie unstintingly indorsed the participation of the Negro players in games against local clubs.

Green, meanwhile, reiterated his threat to "investigate thoroughly" Georgia's segregation

Crowd Applauds Colored Stars

Jackie Given Rousing Ovation By Atlantans

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winner—but no one present will
ever forget the tribute paid to
the first colored player ever to
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ATLANTA (NNPA) ... Under the lights of a jammed ... Ponce de Leon Field, both Jackie ... had left at ... here ... and Roy Campanella played be- ... Robinson responded to ... given a rousing ovation as the ... and Roy Campanella played be- ... Robinson responded to ... Dodgers opened a three-fore 15,119 fans, of whom approx-tion with a single th ... exhibition ... ies here against nately 5,000 were colored. Cracker's second base

Sherman in his march through Georgia at the head of Union troops.

Earlier in the day, Dr. Green announced that his organization eased the tension perceptibly.

Jackie got two hits and drove in two runs. Campanella caught the game. He singled in the second inning and drew an intentional pass.

FANS OVERFLOW

No extraordinary precautions were taken for Friday night's game. Colored fans occupied bleacher seats in left and right field, overflowed onto the playing field, and found sitting and standing room on the terraces back of centerfield. Colored policemen patrolled in their midst.

Only Dr. Green was unhappy by the appearances of Robinson and Campanella in the Dodgers lineup against the Crackers. He accused the Atlanta Crackers of breaking down Southern tradition and predicted that they will lose 10,000 fans as a result.

Earl Mann, president of the Atlanta club, replied that he doubted very much whether Dr. Green "knows 10,000 people. I know he doesn't have 10,000 patients."

Jackie has been booed more lustily in St. Louis than he was booed in either Atlanta or Macon. Jocko Conlan, the National League umpire touring with the Dodgers, reminded Jackie that "He'll never be booed as much as Ty Cobb or Babe Ruth.

Jackie's Batting Paces Brooklyn Attack In Ga.

Boy Hits Homer, Single As Dodgers Win Two In Spring Tour Of Texas

MACON, Ga. (INNPA) — The first mixed baseball game in Georgia's history was played here without incident last Thursday when the Brooklyn Dodgers defeated the Macon Peaches, the Chicago Cubs' Class-A farm club in the Sally League, 11 to 2.

Although Dr. Samuel Green, the grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan predicted that no colored man would participate with whites in a baseball game in Georgia, Jackie Robinson, the Dodgers star second baseman, turned in a fine performance to the delight of the colored fans in the overflow crowd of 6,320 in a park that seats only 4,000.

Jackie was both booed and cheered the first time he came to bat and singled to drive in the first run of the game. But as the game went on and he whacked out two more singles to make it three hits in succession even those who had first booed cheered him. He was at bat five times. Afield he turned in a perfect game.

RECORD CROWD

It was a record crowd for Luther Williams Field, the previous high being 6,200 some years ago.

There was no sign of hostility toward Jackie or Roy Campanella. When colored fans discovered they were eating at a downtown restaurant the place immediately swamped by admirers.

A taxi driver, asked whether the Klan was active in these parts, replied in the affirmative but added that no trouble was expected at game.

The Dodgers ended their Southwestern tour in Tulsa, Okla., last Wednesday blanking Tulsa of the Texas League, 10 to 0, before the crowd of 7,153 cash customers, of whom 1,600 were colored.

Both Robinson and Campanella were in the game. At bat five times, Jackie got two hits and scored one run. He crossed the plate in the sixth after he singled and was advanced by singles by Carl Furillo and Campanella. Campanella got only one hit in four trips to the plate. He caught Joe Hatton who went the route for the Dodgers.

At Oklahoma City, April 6, Jackie got one hit in four times at bat, scored one run, and batted in another. Afield he was credited with four putouts and four assists without a bauble. Campanella did not get into the game.

HITTING STREAK ENDS

Robinson's exhibition hitting streak came to an end in Dallas, Tex., Monday, April 4, after an even dozen games, as the Dodgers turned back the Dallas club of the Texas League, 8 to 3.

Jackie walked three of the five times he came to bat and was robbed of a hit when Leo Wells, Dallas shortstop, made a back-hand catch on his liner.

Both Jackie and Campanella put on a great show for the colored fans who made up two-thirds of the crowd of 5,250 at Burnet Field.

Campanella hit a 355-foot home run over the left field wall off Baker in the ninth inning. In all, he got two hits out of four trips to the plate, scored one run and batted in three more.

In the fourth inning when Morris Martin, the Dodgers starting pitcher, was in trouble and Brooklyn holding a 1-to-0 lead, Jackie raced out into right field to make an extraordinary catch of a fly hit by Hooks Iott, Dallas pitcher. Robinson wheeled and threw to Buddy Hicks at third, doubling Bill Serena, the Dallas third baseman.

Dodgers Sign 3 More Negroes; Hermanski Lured Into Fold

Rickey Says Voyles, Coach of Brooklyn Eleven, Will Not Be With Merged Team at Stadium

By Ed Sinclair

Branch Rickey held another one of those "four-star production" press conferences yesterday in his chambers in Montague Street, Brooklyn, and, after all inflections of voice, gestures and cigar smoke were stripped away, the revelations were these:

(1) The local All-America Football Conference hybrid, which was the result of last month's merger of the gridiron Yankees and Dodgers, will be operated by a corporation known as the Brooklyn-New York Football Club, Inc.

(2) Carl Voyles, head Dodger coach who under the terms of the desperation move made in Chicago to keep the Conference alive became first assistant to Norman (Red) Strader, the Yankee coach and field general of the new club, will not fill any capacity in this football venture.

(3) Brooklyn — the baseball team, that is—will at some time during the spring assign a half dozen players to the Hollywood club in the Pacific Coast League with which the Ddgers have a working agreement.

Three More Negroes Signed

And (4) Three more Negroes including James Edward Pendleton, a shortstop who "can do everything," have been added to the widespread Dodger organization and Gene Hermanski, Brooklyn outfielder, has accepted terms for 1949.

In the new football corporation set-up, Rickey is chairman of the board. Dan Topping, co-owner of the baseball Yankees with Del Webb, is president and Webb is one of three vice-presidents along with Walter F. O'Malley, secretary-treasurer of the baseball Dodgers, and Branch Rickey jr.

John L. Smith, Brooklyn baseball vice-president, will serve as treasurer and J. Arthur Friedlund, the Yankees' lawyer, will be the secretary. Aaron G. Lanier, of the organization, will be assistant secretary-treasurer. On the board of directors with Rickey sr. are Topping, Webb, Smith, O'Malley, Friedlund and George V. McLaughlin, president of the Brooklyn Trus tCompany.

Voyles "To Be Taken Care Of"

Rickey disclosed that Voyles was ou tof the coaching picture by saying that he (Voyles) would "in all probability not be in the football set-up, but his contract will be taken care of." To the question of whether he was announcing that Voyles was definitely off the football staff, the Mahatma replied, "Yes, and agreeably with him."

When Rickey took over control of the unsuccessful (financially and otherwise) football Dodgers last year, he lured Voyles from Auburn and gave him a three-year contract. Whether or not the ex-coach will remain in the organization through the remaining two years of the agreement, Rickey refused to comment.

Getting away from the football question, the Brooklyn president said that on his recent trip to the West Coast he conferred with the Hollywood officials—Fred Haney, manager, and Robert Cobb, owner of the Stars. He reported that they listed their needs as "an infielder (a third baseman), an outfielder, a catcher and a couple of pitchers."

"Come to think of it," Rickey added, "we might need a third baseman ourselves."

He said that Haney and Cobb would visit the Dodger training camp at Vero Beach, Fla., on March 15 and stay about ten days looking over the talent. At that time the players to go to Hollywood will be selected.

Asked if he thought he could help the coast team this year, the Mahatma answered, "I don't think so, but I feel sure I can put it in the first division in two years." The Stars have been operating for eleven seasons and have managed to escape the second division only twice.

Pendleton, a twenty-three-year-old right-handed hitter further described by Rickey as "quite a ball player," was purchased from the Chicago Giants of the Negro American League, A .340 hitter last year, he has agreed to a contract with St. Paul.

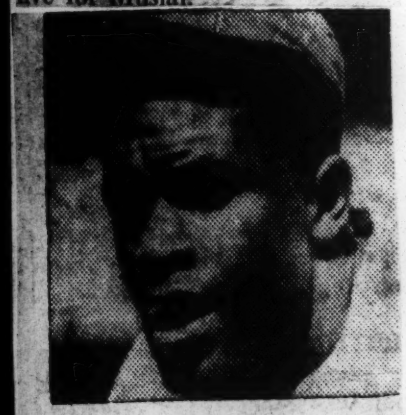
During the winter ne played with the Magallanes club in the Venezuelan League, batted .360 and led the circuit in home runs. Te stands 6 feet 1 inch, weighs 180 and lives in St. Louis.

As for the other two newcomers, no one at the conference knew their first names. Their surnames are Moore and Butler and they were signed to contracts with Billings in the Class C Pioneer League. There now are eleven Negroes among the 680 players in the Brooklyn system.

Hermanski, Brooklyn's home-run leader last season, is the thirty-first Dodger to accept terms. Eight, including Gil Hodges, Marvin Rackley and George Shuba, have yet to sign. . . . Rickey picks the Chicago Cubs as the dark horse of the coming National League season. He said, "If their young pitching clicks, they'll be a surprise." . . . Dodger party of twenty-five will leave for Vero Beach at 2:35 p. m. Sunday under the watchful eyes of Jake Pitler and Clyde Sukeforth. . . . Bill Schweppe, business manager of Brooklyn farms at Danville, Ill., and Newport News, Va., for the last three years, has been appointed assistant to Fresco Thompson, head of the farm chain.

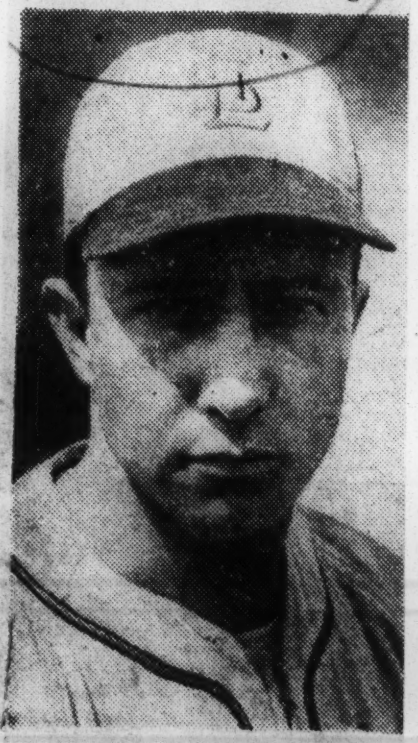
ROBBY N.L. MOST VALUABLE

Jackie Robinson, great Brooklyn Dodgers second sacker, climaxed a big year by being officially voted the National League's Most Valuable Player of 1949. He will receive the Kenesaw Mountain Landis award. Twenty-four writers, three elected from each city, voted, listing ten players in the order of their value. Robinson received a total of 264 votes, followed by Musial with 226, Slaughter with 181, Kiner with 133 and Reese with 118. Jack notched 12 first place votes to five for Musial.



ROOKIES OF THE YEAR

Don Newcombe of the Dodgers



Roy Sievers of the Browns
The New York Times

DODGER ACE CHOSEN BY 21 OF 24 WRITERS

Newcombe Second Negro in 3 Seasons to Become National League's Rookie of Year

SIEVERS BEST IN AMERICAN

Browns' Star Gets 10 Votes—Kellner of Athletics Next, Coleman of Yanks Third

By JOHN DREBINGER

Dust finally having settled on the recent controversial selection of Ted Williams as the American League's most valuable player for 1949, the Baseball Writers Association yesterday made known its vote on the year's outstanding rookie in each major league and with one of these selections the scribes doubtless stirred up another hornet's nest.

Don Newcombe, strapping right-hander of the Dodgers, was named as the National League's rookie-of-the-year and with this choice there scarcely could be any quarrel.

The big Negro, whom many regard as the most promising hurler to reach the majors since Bob Feller's entry, was a standout in the senior league. In the writers' poll, he scored an overwhelming victory with 21 out of a possible 24 votes.

Another Disappointment Here

In the American League, however, the choice went to Roy Sievers, freshman outfielder of the Browns. To fans in the metropolitan area, scarcely recovered from the seeming neglect of their Yankee favorites, Phil Rizzuto and Joe Page, for the most valuable player award, this latest selection likely will prove another jolt. In this sector the popular impression had been that the vote would go to Jerry Coleman, the slick and sleek second baseman of the world champion Bombers.

However, as in the Williams case, the power of the bat again prevailed over defensive skill, and Coleman didn't finish in the runner-up slot. With Sievers receiving 10 votes, Alex Kellner, talented young southpaw of the Athletes placed second with 5, while Coleman received 4.

The same two twenty-four-man committees which had named the most valuable players made the rookie selections, although operating under slightly different conditions. Instead of listing ten players with a point system deciding the winner, each committeeman named only one player on his rookie ballot.

With Newcombe bagging 21 votes in the National, only one other player received any count at all in that circuit. He was Del Crandall, 19-year-old catcher for the Braves, who received the remaining three.

Procedure Changed This Year

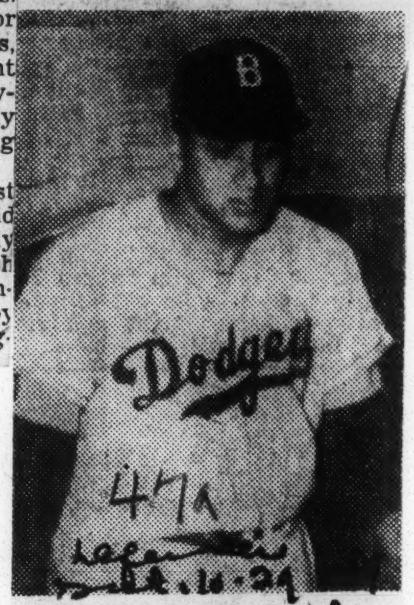
Newcombe thus became the second Negro to win a rookie award. In 1947 Jackie Robinson was the choice. Incidentally, the vote that year was for the outstanding rookie in both leagues, a procedure also followed in 1948 when the Braves' Alvin Dark was the winner. This year the scribes held a separate poll for each circuit.

Newcombe easily was the "difference" which enabled the Dodgers to outscramble the Cardinals in the torrid National League flag race. The towering fireballer, whom Branch Rickey acquired from the Newark Eagles of the Negro National League in 1946, joined the Dodgers from their Montreal farm in mid-May and immediately made his presence felt.

The giant 240-pounder compiled seventeen victories against eight defeats, tossed nineteen complete games and posted five shut-outs. Hurling the world series opener for the Dodgers against the Yankees, Newcombe did an equally brilliant job only to bow, 1—0, to Allie Reynolds' epic two-hitter when Tommy Henrich smote a ninth-inning homer.

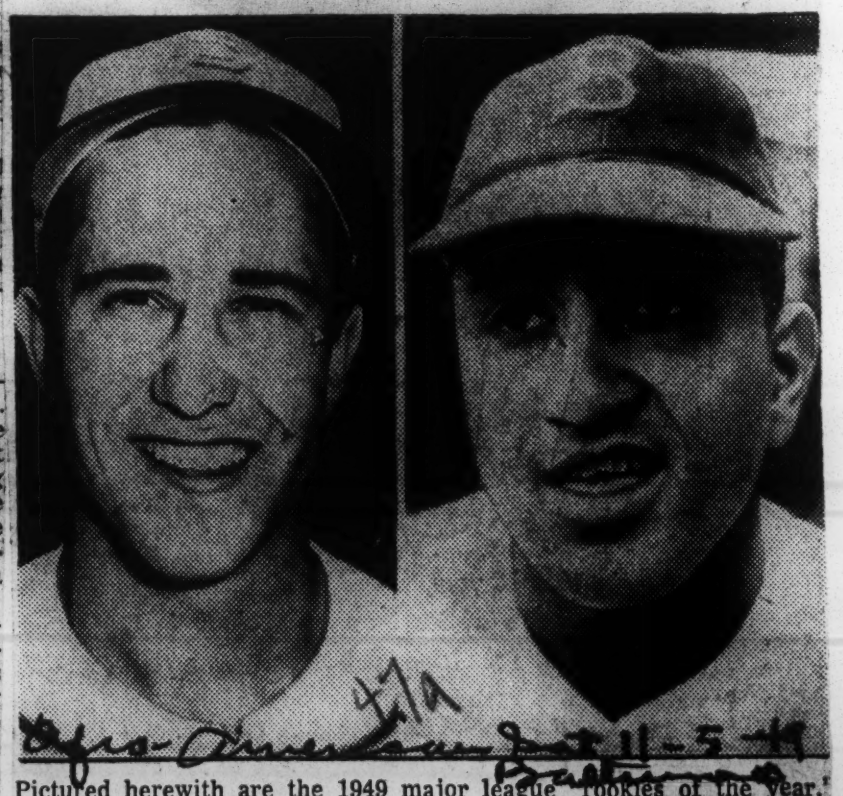
Sievers proved one of the biggest bargains in recent years. He is said to have cost the Browns exactly one pair of spiked shoes, which was all he asked to sign a contract. He had been scouted by Jacques Fournier, one-time Dodger first baseman.

Gets It



DON NEWCOMBE, 23-year-old Dodger rookie, was selected by the St. Louis Sporting News as the rookie of the year in the National League. Newcombe won 17 and lost 8 for the Dodgers, although he didn't join the team until the middle of May.

Named 1949 'Rookies'



Pictured herewith are the 1949 major league rookies of the year, named last week by the Sporting News. At left is Roy Sievers of the St. Louis Browns, chosen from the American League, and at right is Don Newcombe, Brooklyn Dodger pitcher, selected as top freshman in the National League.

25,000 Cheer Bums; Bat Crown To Jackie

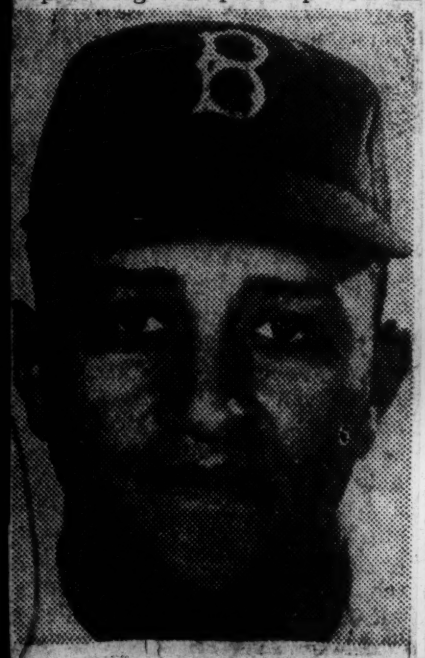
By RUSS J. COWANS

NEW YORK—The sparkling labors of Jackie Robinson, Don Newcombe and Roy Campanella, plus the cooperative efforts of other teammates, paid off last Sunday, when the Brooklyn Dodgers clinched the National League pennant by an eyelash after a spirited battle with the St. Louis Cardinals.

It was the spirit and dash of the Dodgers, that day-to-day hitting, base stealing, tight pitching in the clutches, and catching, as much as a 9 to 7 victory over the stubborn Phillies, that made the Bums eligible for the world series duty against the Yankees.

It was that spirit and dash that enabled the Dodgers to bounce back after the Phillies had won the first of the two-game series. The same dash and spirit was demonstrated by the Bums when they crushed the St. Louis Cardinals, 19-6, after Don Newcombe had lost a heart-breaking 1-0 game to the Cards.

In this big rush to the National League flag, Robinson grabbed the loop batting championship with an



DON NEWCOMBE

average of .342, the first time this honor has been won by a Negro player. Stan Musial and Enos Slaughter of the St. Louis team, who had been chasing Robinson, finished with .339 and .336, respectively.

Robinson also took the stolen base honors, with 36 to his credit.

The Dodger second baseman looms as the player most likely to win the Most Valuable Player Award in the National League for 1949

Jackie, after leading for most of the season, lost his batting lead three weeks ago to Slaughter, but regained it the next day.

Newcombe is a serious candidate for the Rookie-of-the-Year Award. The big righthander, serving his first year in major league circles, finished the season with 17 victories against eight defeats. And he started with the Dodgers one month after the season had been under way.

The current world series is the second for Robinson. He was playing first base for the Dodgers when

ROY CAMPANELLA

the Brooklyn team won the National League flag in 1947, and lost to the Yankees in a thrilling seven-game series.

Dan Bankhead, who is now pitching for the Montreal Royals, was also a member of the Dodger team.

This will be the first world series for Campanella and Newcombe. Both will get plenty of work before the series is over.

It was Newcombe who kept the Dodgers' pennant hopes alive in the waning weeks of the race. The huge 23-year-old Newcombe, who is recognized as the best righthander in the major leagues, hung up 31 scoreless innings. He shut out St. Louis, 6-0; Pittsburgh, 9-0; New York Giants, 8-0, before the Boston Braves scored a run against his snapping curves and blazing fast ball.

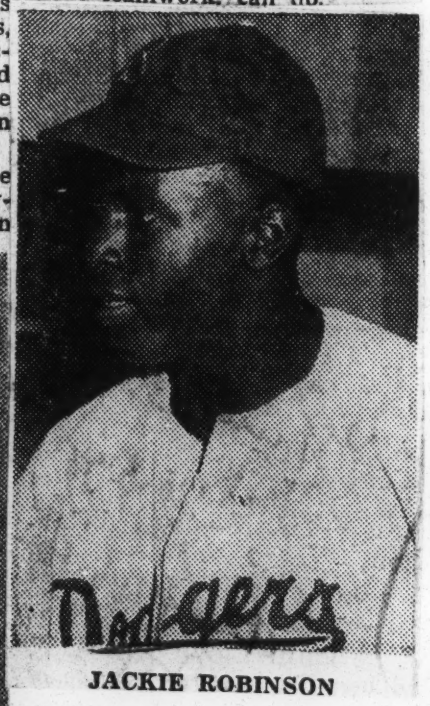
The giant righthander proved in the All-Star game that he can pitch to the best in the American League. Although he was credited with the loss of the game, he stifled the big bats of the best American League hitters.

The Dodgers were met by a crowd of 25,000 cheering Brooklyn fans when the team arrived here Sunday night, after defeating the Phillies to win the pennant.

Among those at the Pennsylvania Station was John Cashmore, Brooklyn Borough president.

And Harlem was in a happy spirit as it cheered for Jackie, Campy, Don and other members of the Dodgers.

The Dodger victory is indicative of what dash and spirit, plus excellent teamwork, can do.



JACKIE ROBINSON

Sports of the Times

By ARTHUR DALEY

Battle of the Boroughs

IN view of the fact that this was opening day, the rigid rule against fraternization was followed more in the breach than the observance at Ebbets Field yesterday. Those friendly enemies, the Dodgers and the Giants, roamed around the Flatbush pasture before the game shaking hands, slapping backs and giving each other the how's-the-wife-and-kiddies treatment. It was all very touching—until the game started. Then no quarter was asked or given as usual.

Strangely enough, though, it was not quite as boisterous an occasion as opening day usually is. Peewee Reese, the new Dodger captain, takes his job so seriously that he keeps snapping the whip and never lets his team-mates slacken off in their hustling. And Leo Durocher does approximately the same thing for the Giants. This was strictly business.

Bill Rigney stepped into the cage and backed away from the plate, a puzzled frown on his face. "How many do we hit?" he asked. "Three?"

"You're supposed to hit three into the seats," barked Frank Frisch. "And make sure you do it in the game, too."

"Yes, sir," said the grinning Rigney. By golly, he did, too. He slammed Joe Hatten's second pitch of the fray into the left field stands. If that isn't a record for an opening hitter on opening day, it should be.

Copyright Infringement

From a Giant point of view, however, the main trouble with the Rigney homer was that the Brooks caught the idea much too quickly. It was the most blatant bit of copyright infringement in recent baseball history because the Giants, as everyone should know by now, invented the home run. Maybe not, though. Some Soviet historian probably will uncover the fact that the home run was originally invented by Lou Novikoff, the Mad Russian.

Not long after Rigney had delivered his blast on the second pitch than Carl Furillo began improving on it. He hit the first pitch offered him and smashed an even longer circuit blow. A while later Jackie Robinson exploded an even deeper shot. However, Roy Campanella didn't bother with distance. He merely curled a three-run circuit drive inside the foul post for the big one. The power-hitting Giants were having their thunder stolen by the supposed feather-duster hitters from the banks of the Gowanus.

A Lost Hit

When Campanella really did go for distance in the seventh, he hammered one that seemed headed for the center field bleachers. But the wind held up the ball and Bobby Thomson skidded as he jammed on the brakes. So Tommy fell ignobly on his kisser and, by way of adding insult to injury, was charged with an error. It's against Union rules ever to question the official scorer but it could have been called a triple just as easily.

Ebbets Field is famous for base running of the headless horseman type. Entering into the spirit of the occasion, Buddy Kerr and Rigney of the Giants virtually had a photo finish into second base in the fourth. Kerr paused halfway down from first to make certain that Furillo didn't catch Rigney's carom shot off the wall, but Billy just kept running with more earnestness than discretion. He looked up just as he started to climb Buddy's back, switched violently into reverse but was tagged out on a neat play by Gil Hodges at first.

The fielding gem of the day was Robinson's catlike pounce on a ball which was deflected off Hodges' bare hand. What made it click so beautifully was that Hatten instinctively raced over to cover the bag, a play that few pitchers ever would have remembered to do. A snap throw, Robbie to Hatten, not only retired Johnny Mize but also retired the side.

The Boudreau Shift

The large Mr. Mize went hitless, by the way, and he lost one sure safety by the Dodger version of the Boudreau shift. If memory serves correctly, it was first pulled on the Big Cat by Durocher himself when he was doing his masterminding on the other side of the bridge.

The Silent Strategist lost his first joust with the Brooks this season but one oddity in his personal relations with the interborough rivals came last season. As Dodger manager a year ago he won eight of twelve from the Giants and as Giant manager a year ago he won seven of ten from the Brooks.

They say that a winning team not only gets but also makes its breaks. In the big Flatbush inning in the fourth, Bill Cox went down to second on a steal. Walker Cooper's unerring throw to Rigney nailed him and thus did Umpire Scotty Robb call the play. But Scotty never noticed that Rigney had dropped the ball. However, Umpire-in-Chief Babe Pinelli did—and so did the entire Dodger bench. Captain Reese came storming out with as fiery a display of belligerence as Durocher ever showed. He got nowhere until Pinelli came to his assistance. So Robb reversed himself like the honest little gentleman he is.

The New Cooper

All spring long tales have been coming out of the wild and wolly west about the new Cooper, the hustling Cooper who bears practically no resemblance to the lethargic character of yesteryear. Well, sir, big Coop hustled like all get-out to stretch a long single into a double in the fourth and then went all the way to score on a very ordinary single.

The largest crowd ever to see the inaugural day ceremonies at Ebbets Field was at hand for the festivities. It saw a parade to center field which Coxey's army would have been ashamed to fashion. No one was ever in step as twenty-four Giants and thirty-one Brooks tramped out to the flagpole. The two dozen New Yorkers presumably comprise the traveling team. The Lip doesn't bring all his hired hands on the longer trips.

The Dodgers are on their way. Only 153 games to go, folks.

DODGERS SET BACK BY ATLANTA, 9 TO 1

Barney and Ramsdell Fail on Mound While Jim Bagby Gives Only Six Hits

By ROSCOE McGOWEN
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ATLANTA, April 9—The Dodgers, who have been lording it over their minor league cousins for nine straight games through Texas, Oklahoma and this state, were put in their places today. The Atlanta Crackers slapped them down rudely by a 9-1 score.

An old pro, who also is the son of an old pro of the same name—Jim Bagby—set the Brooks down with only six hits and had them nicely whitewashed until one out in the ninth inning.

Then Billy Cox, who already had collected two of the previous four hits, walloped a ground rule double into the scrambling fans beyond the left field ropes. Since Duke Snider had opened with a single and Carl Furillo had drawn the third of three passes Bagby gave, Snider was able to score and prevent the shut-out.

Bagby promptly put on the brakes again, disposing of Gil Hodges and Bruce Edwards, and the Crackers trotted happily off the field while a majority of the 8,969 fans added one more burst of cheers to those they had been sounding all afternoon.

Bagby Has Perfect Day

The Brooklyn pitching reached a new low, with Rex Barney and Willie Ramsdell the chief protagonists of inefficiency. The Crackers collected fourteen hits and every one of them shared in the barrage, with Bagby himself having a perfect day — two singles and two bases on balls in four trips to the plate.

Evidence of Barney's ineffectiveness—or possibly the good hitting of Manager Cliff Dapper's boys—was given in the first two innings. Rex actually retired only one of the first nine men he pitched to, so far as his own efforts went.

Three circus plays retired the Crackers in the first inning. Jackie Robinson made a backhand stop of Jack Hollis' hot grounder, Cal Abrams went almost against the ropes in left center field for Lucius Morgan's drive and Duke Snider made a spectacular gloved hand catch of another hard drive by Ralph Morgan.

Barney walked the first three men to face him in the second, then got Gene Verble on a pop to Spider Jorgensen. Pierce McWhorter, 20-year-old catcher, drove deep into the right center field crowd near the 386-foot mark for two runs and Bagby singled home the third one.

Only a great throw by Snider prevented a fourth run, McWhorter being out at the plate.

Barney got through the third inning but the fourth saw his enforced departure after he had retired the first two men.

McWhorter singled, Rex made two wild pitches, Bagby walked and solid singles by Hollis and Morgan followed.

With two runs in and two men aboard Ramsdell came in and filled the bases by walking Brown. Had Furillo not made an extraordinary catch of Al Flair's low liner near the foul line Willie probably wouldn't have survived the inning.

As it was he couldn't get through two more. Singles by Lloyd Gearhart and Hollis, mixed with a crowd double by Verble, Gearhart's theft of second and a pass to Bagby, gave the Crackers two more runs in the fifth.

When Brown beat out a beautiful drag bunt, Flair doubled to right center and Larry Drake—only hitless Cracker up to that point—singled, Manager Barney Shotton yanked Ramsdell and sent Kevin Connors was bitterly disappointed that he couldn't play today despite the five stitches in the right side of his upper lip, which also is puffed to twice normal size. "I can play," he insisted. But Shotton thought it best to keep the eager Irishman on the bench for a day or two.

ROBINSON MAKES DENIAL

He Said Nothing, Derogatory to Atlanta—Lauds Reception

From a Staff Correspondent

ATLANTA, Ga., April 9—Declaring that he had received a better reception in Atlanta than anywhere he had been, Jackie Robinson today denied he had said he "soon would be back in the good

By Bagby 3, Barney 2. Hits—Off Barney 3 in 3 2/3 innings, Ramsdell 6 in 1 1/3. Podbielan 1 in 2. Wild pitches—Barney 2, Losing pitcher—Barney. Umpires—Conlan, Burch and McCutcheon. Time of game—2:36.

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Hollis, 2b	5	0	2	1	4	0
Morgan, 3b	5	0	1	2	0	0
Brown, cf	4	1	2	2	0	0
Flair, 1b	4	2	2	10	0	0
Drake, rf	4	1	2	1	2	0
Gear't, lf	3	2	1	2	2	0
Verble, ss	5	1	1	1	2	2
McWh'ter, c	5	1	1	2	6	1
Bagby, p	2	1	2	0	1	0
Total	37	9	15	27	8	0

	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Abrams, lf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Jorgenson, 3b	3	0	0	2	1	0
Snyder, cf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Robinson, 2b	4	0	0	2	3	0
Furillo, rf	3	0	0	2	1	0
Cox, ss	4	0	1	5	1	0
Hodges, 1b	4	0	1	4	0	0
Edwards, c	4	0	0	6	1	0
Barney, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ramsdell, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Podbielan, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
aHerm'ski	1	0	0	0	0	0
Palica, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	32	1	2	24	8	1

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Ball Sticks in Glove

Hodges made a fine play on Verble's grounder in the sixth and it would have been a double play. The Cracker got one more run on a force-play grounder hit by Verble, then Pod held them at bay until going out for a pinch hitter.

Erv Palica pitched the ninth and got by without allowing any runs despite the fact that the Crackers filled the bases with nobody out. Verble hit a short liner to Snider, then McWhorter hit into a fast double play.

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old U. S. A."

This statement was attributed to the Dodgers' Negro star by a local radio announcer on a broadcast shortly before 7 o'clock last night.

The announcer first said that Robinson and Roy Campanella had "watched their teammates enter the Ansley Hotel and then found they had no place to sleep that night"—an erroneous statement, since arrangements for their housing had been made long ago.

Then came the "U. S. A." quote with accompanying comment that implied Robinson had spoken ill-advisedly.

Actually the remark, which may or may not have been made with intent to imply that Georgia is outside the U. S. A., was made by Sam Lacy, Negro writer for the Baltimore Afro-American.

Robinson said nothing that could even remotely have been interpreted as derogatory to this community or state.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

New York (A) 4, Beaumont (TL) 1.
New York (N) 8, Pittsburgh (N) 5.
Atlanta (SA) 9, Brooklyn 'A' (N) 1.
Boston (A) 10, Birmingham (SA) 1.
Boston (N) 9, Raleigh (CL) 8.
Chicago (N) 12, Dallas (TL) 2.
Cleveland (A) 13, Oklahoma City (TL) 2.
Detroit (A) 6, Little Rock (SA) 2.
Cincinnati (N) 4, Mobile (SA) 0.
Philadelphia (A) 4, Memphis (SA) 3.
Chicago (A) 9, Shreveport (TL) 4.
St. Louis (A) 12, Fort Worth (TL) 2.

Jackie And Doby Boost Averages

BROOKLYN — Jackie Robinson, the Dodgers' second baseman, has quieted all the talk about a slump, with his new life at the plate. On Saturday, he cracked out two singles against the Braves in five trips and scored twice. Brooklyn lost in the 12th, 7-6. Tuesday before that he got one for four as Brooklyn lost to the Braves, 6-5, in the 10th. His hitting brought his average up to .281, Saturday night, from a low of .200, two weeks ago.

Roy Campanella still led the National League in one department, runs batted in, with 20, although his batting had dropped to .325 at the end of Saturday's game.

Larry Doby got two singles in four trips against the White Sox, May 13, and drove in two runs, besides scoring two, but the Tribe lost, 11-10. Since getting his eye back, Doby hit in all but one game in the preceeding week to boost his average to .231. Orestes Minoso, got in Friday's game, out did not bat. His average is .188. Satchel Paige was the only Cleveland hurler who could hold the Sox, but he retired in favor of a pinch hitter in the seventh. Paige walked one, and gave up one hit in 1 2-3 innings.

THE AVERAGES:

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Pct.
Campanella	83	17	27	5	20	.325
Robinson	98	19	28	3	14	.281
Doby	65	11	15	1	6	.281
Minoso	16	2	3	1	1	.188

Rickey Is Indignant Over Act

MIAMI, Fla.—Jackie Robinson hit a 400-foot home run off Johnny Antonelli's first pitch in the fourth inning as the Dodgers defeated the Boston Nationals, 5-2. Roy Campanella also hit a homer.

This is the first time that Negroes and whites have played in a contest in this city.

VERO BEACH, Fla.—Branch Rickey Sr., owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, called a hurried meeting of his coaches after a flareup between Jackie Robinson and Christ Van Cuyk, rookie southpaw from Fort Worth. Cuyk had thrown three "bean" balls at Robinson's head in a deliberate attempt to injure the Negro star.

Robinson

The white pitcher, who stands 6 feet, 5 inches and weighs 220 pounds, became enraged at Robinson following some "jockeying" from players on both sides.

Robinson had taken a hard "riding" from the rookie players when he erred on a ground ball. Jackie taunted Cuyk.

In the late innings of Thursday's game, Robinson hammered a single off Van Cuyk after yelling at the pitcher, "You'll be a 20-year man in class C ball." That didn't set well with the Fort Worth man.

When Robinson came to bat in the last inning, Van Cuyk hurled three balls close to Robinson's head. He claimed the third one "slipped." Robinson was angry. He popped up to the catcher. Van Cuyk shouted, "That's where your power is, Robinson."

Jackie came right back with, "You can't throw hard enough to hurt a baby."

When the players headed for the showers, Robinson caught up with Van Cuyk and warned him not to pull "that stunt again." He added, "It's a good thing one of those pitches didn't hit me."

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Van Cuyk admitted throwing at Robinson. He said, "He's been trying to make a fool of me so I just reared back and fired one at him." He said the "next one came close but it slipped."

Robinson, once in the club house, explained in an angry voice, "If that busher (meaning Van Cuyk) had hit me, he would have got his head knocked off."

Jackie, known for his appeasing temperament during the first two years in major league baseball despite the fact that he swallowed his pride on hundreds of occasions, has decided now that he is a major leaguer. If they want to get tough, he can get tough, too.

Jackie became the first Negro to play in white organized baseball in over 50 years when Branch Rickey signed him to a contract and sent him to Montreal where he led the International League in batting that year. He had formerly played with the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro American League. Jackie was a football, track, basketball and baseball star while at the University of California at Los Angeles. He was a commissioned officer in the army during World War II.

Commissioner Chandler investigated the remarks attributed to Robinson. Jackie denied that he had said them. Chandler accepted Robinson's verson, but warned him to avoid any unpleasantness in the future.

11th Negro Is Acquired By Dodgers

The Brooklyn Dodgers signed their 11th Negro baseball player yesterday.

Acquired from the Chicago Giants of the Negro American League was James Edward Pendleton, 23-year-old shortstop. He will be sent to St. Paul, a farm club of Brooklyn.

The Dodgers also announced that outfielder Gene Hermanski has signed his 1949 contract.

BASEBALL CONTRACTS in New York would be invalidated if a proposed bill passes the state legislature. Introduced yesterday, the bill would make the reserve clause in baseball null, void and unenforceable.

HAPPY CHANDLER has enlisted the aid of at least 10 major league clubs to play exhibition games this summer for one of his prize projects—kids who play ball on America's sandlots.

SIGNED AND UNSIGNED—Rookie pitchers **Lou Kretlow** and **Marlin Stuart** returned their signed contracts to the Detroit Tigers. Only houdouts now are outfielders **Hoot Evers** and **Vic Wertz** and twirler **Marvie Grissom** . . . The Boston Braves' list of holdouts was cut to eight when outfielder **Don Thompson** signed . . . Three Athletics and eight Phillies still are holding out for more dough. All, however, are expected at spring training to talk things over . . . The Chicago Cubs signed high school star **Harold Brown** a catcher, and sent him to their Carthage, Missouri, farm in the K.O.M. League.

DODGERS TRIUMPH OVER PHILS BY 8-6

Palica Takes Over for Barney in 3d and Wins as Losers Start Campaign at Home

By ROSCOE McGOWEN
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES

PHILADELPHIA, April 23—In a game that reflected no great credit on either team, the Dodgers outscrambled the Phils in the latters' delayed home opener today by an 8—6 score and, among other things, ran their Shibe Park winning streak to eight straight games. The Brooks had won the last seven here during the 1948 campaign.

Rain, which not only threatened but fulfilled the threat, held today's crowd down to 13,198 paid. Many of the fans sat throughout alternately in rain and sunshine and sometimes both at once.

Rex Barney and Robin Roberts were the starting pitchers but the former didn't last three innings and Roberts didn't get anybody out in the fourth. Robin was in long enough to become the losing pitcher, however—his first loss.

Record Still Intact

Barney, who has beaten the Blue Jays seven times and lost to them only once in his major league career, still has that record intact, but Erv Palica, who took over in the third inning and managed to last until the finish, got credit for his first victory of the young season.

The score was tied once—in the first inning—when each team scored twice. The Brooks did it on passes to Cal Abrams and Peewee Reese, a sizzling hit by Duke Snider that was scored as an error for Eddie Waitkus, and a double play, rapped into by Jackie Robinson.

The Phils picked up their pair of runs on singles by Richie Ashburn and Gran Hamner, a double by Del Ennis and a force play, hit into by Puddin' Head Jones.

When Reese doubled three more runs home in the second frame—Roy Campanella and Barney singling and Abrams walking—Rex had a 5—2 lead going into the third. But Hamner's long drive went over Snider's head for a triple, and after a pass to Waitkus and Ennis' scoring fly to Carl Furillo, Barney hit Bad Bill Nicholson.

Scores Unearned Run

That was Manager Barney Shotton's signal that it wasn't Rex's day. Palica came in and promptly gummed up a perfect pick-off play by throwing high to Reese at second, whereupon Waitkus — who should have been a dead pigeon—scampered on to third and scored an unearned run a moment later on Jones' long fly to Snider.

The Brooks moved away again in the fourth. Abrams singled to center and Reese walked, whereupon Manager Eddie Sawyer gave Roberts a walk and brought in Blix Donnelly. Snider filled the bases with none out by a beautiful push bunt between Donnelly and Jones.

HOME RALLY FAILS

Bums Beat Crackers, 6 to 3, Before 15,119

By T. M. WILLIAMS

Brooklyn's flashy Dodgers, heavy favorites to cop the National League pennant this season and the top team in the Spring Grapefruit Loop, beat the Atlanta Crackers, 6 to 3, last night before an overflow crowd of 15,119 paid fans.

It was, like the other four big league exhibitions here, quite a ball game. The Crackers, apparently not disturbed by the high company they are keeping these days, fought the Dodgers right down to the wire and made a serious threat in the eighth inning when they got four hits and two runs after two were out.

The uprising sent Harry Taylor, who had pitched very well up to that time, to an early shower. Carl Erskine came in and scored par for the course—he faced four men and got four men out.

Young Dick Hoover, a slender left-hander obtained from the New York Giants during the Winter in the deal that sends Dave Williams to the big leaguers next season, was the first Cracker hurler to try for the distance this spring. He almost made it.

Hoover pitched eight innings but was yanked in the ninth when "Spider" Jorgenson led off with a single to center. Larry Hartley replaced Hoover and, after playing two bunts badly to fill the bases, he balked in a run. After that Hartley mowed down Carl Furillo, Billy Cox and Gil Hodges in easy fashion.

The Bums got to Hoover for two runs in the first inning. He walked Cal Abrams, then hit Jorgenson. After Mike McCormick popped out, Jackie Robinson hit a grounder right at Jack Hollis, and it was hot enough to be turned into a double play. But it wasn't destined to be. The ball took a high hop over Hollis' head and went into centerfield for a single, sending Abrams home. Furillo's single scored Jorgenson.

From then until the sixth, Hoover shut the National Leaguers out and after that they got one tally an inning.

In the sixth, with two away, Furillo singled, Cox walked and Hodges singled for a tally. In the seventh, Jorgenson walked, McCormick singled and Robinson flied to right for another. In the eighth, doubles by Cox and Hodges drove one home, and in the ninth, Hartley's balk let in another.

A walk to Jack Hollis, a double by Chet Hajduk and a long fly to right by Ralph Brown got the Crackers a run in their half of the first and they added the other two in the eighth when little Gene Verble singled with the bases loaded to drive in Al Flair and Lloyd Gearhart, who had also singled.

Verble, incidentally, had a pair of hits during the game.

About half the 15,119 fans were colored. They came to see Robinson and Roy Campanella, and the two Dodger stars rewarded their followers handsomely. Robinson got two hits and drove in a run, and Campanella got one hit and walked once in four trips to the plate.

The two teams continue their series this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rex Barney, fireball right-hander who pitched a no-hit game last season, will work for Brooklyn with Jim Bagby on the mound for Atlanta.

SHORT NOTES — Kevin Connors, lanky Brooklyn first baseman who played for Mobile in 1947, was struck in the mouth by a ball thrown by **Bruce Edwards** while the Dodgers were taking hitting practice . . . Connor's upper lip was plit, requiring about five stitches, and he'll be out for a couple of days. . . . **Larry Drake,** Cracker outfielder, sat out the game because he had his eyes dilated during the afternoon. . . . **Charlie Woddail** took his place in right.

Dave Williams, who broke his nose in the Philadelphia game Thursday, was dismissed from the hospital yesterday and watched from the stands last night. . . . **Dr. Harry Rogers,** team physician, says he'll miss the Brooklyn series but will be ready to go next week. . . . **Robinson's** hit in the first inning was an exact replica of the which broke Williams' nose. . . . It hit in almost the same spot, took a high hop and went over Hollis' shoulder.

Hoover gave the crowd a thrill in the third inning when he picked **Mike McCormick** off first base. . . . McCormick had got on by Hoover's error on a slow dribbler in front of the plate. . . . **Jorgenson** went within a few feet of the white bleachers along the left-field line to take **Ralph Brown's** foul pop in the third. . . . **Manager Dapper** got even by making a one-handed, juggling catch of **Billy Cox's** fly at the start of the fourth just in front of the Cracker dugout.

A fight broke out in the grandstand just behind home plate in the Cracker half of the fourth. . . . The two participants were hastily removed from the park by alert policemen. . . . **Ralph Brown** is playing with a badly blistered left hand and may be jerked out of the lineup any day in order to let it heal in time for the Southern League opener in Birmingham next Friday.

Taylor, still a question mark after being practically of no value for two years because of a sore arm, pitched creditable ball and was especially tight in the pinches. . . . He struck out seven men. . . . **Carl Furillo** gave the fans an example of Brooklyn baseball when he almost threw out **Jack Hollis** at the plate in the first inning and then did cut down **Gene Verble** trying to make a double of his slicer into right in the second. . . . They all run and throw in Flatbush.

The three-run victory margin for Brooklyn was the largest any big league team has beaten the Crackers this year. . . . Philadelphia's Phillies won twice by two and one runs, and the Detroit Tigers took one decision by a single run. . . . **Hoover** pitched eight full innings and to one batter in the ninth, the longest any Cracker hurler has worked this spring. . . . Of the three big league teams that have shown here, the **Dodgers** looked far and away the best. . . . They take advantage of every break.

BRKLYN	ab.	h.	po.	a.	ATLANTA	ab.	h.	po.	a.
Abrams,lf	4	0	4	0	Hollis,2b	4	0	3	4
Jor'son,3b	3	1	1	1	Hajduk,3b	5	2	0	0
McC'ck,cf	5	2	0	0	R.Brwn,cf	4	0	2	0
Rob'son,2b	4	2	1	6	Flair,1b	3	1	12	0
Furillo,rf	5	2	2	1	Gearhart,lf	4	1	1	0
Cox,ss	4	1	1	2	Woodall,rf	4	2	1	0
Hodges,1b	5	2	10	0	Verble,ss	4	2	2	5
C'panllo,c	3	1	8	1	Dapper,c	4	1	6	1
Taylor,p	4	0	0	0	Hoover,p	3	1	0	3
Erskine,p	0	0	0	0	Hartley,p	0	0	0	1
					aMorgan	1	0	0	0
Totals	37	11	27	11	Totals	36	10	27	14

aFlied out for Hartley in ninth.

Score by innings:

Brooklyn	200	001	111—6
ATLANTA	100	000	020—3

Abrams, Jorgenson 3, Furillo, Cox, Hollis, Flair. E—Hoover 2, Gearhart. RBI—Robinson 2, Furillo, R. Brown, Hodges 2, Verble 2. 2B—Hajduk, Cox, Hodges. S—Robinson. DP—Verble to Hollis to Flair. LOB—Brooklyn 10, Atlanta 8. BB—Off Hoover 4, Taylor 2. SO—By Taylor 7, Hoover 3, Hartley 1. H—Off Taylor 10 in 7 2-3 innings, 3 runs; off Hoover 10 in 8 innings, 6 runs. WP—Taylor. Balk—Hartley. LP — Hoover. Umps. — McCutcheon, Conlan and Burch. T—2:27.

Overflow Crowd on Hand as Bums Bow to Athletics

Robbie Gets 2 of Dodgers' 5 Hits in Third Setback; Campy Sees Action in Sunday Tilt

By SAM LACY, AFRO Sports Editor

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—Florida's Brooklyn Dodger rooters suffered mild frustration here Sunday as their favorites dropped their third game in four exhibition starts to the Philadelphia Athletics, 6-0.

It was the second setback in as many days and the third in succession, the Bums having been bounced, 9-8, the day before on their own home training base.

Sunday's encounter offered a measure of consolation to the large number of Flatbush partisans in the record crowd of 6,988 which bulged tiny Wright Field at the sides, and the reason for that was Jackie Robinson.

Inadequate Space

How to arrive at such a deduction is a matter of simple mathematics. Without doubt, half of the record-smashing Sabbath throng was colored.

These fans over-ran the inadequate rightfield stand set aside for them, quickly exhausted the extra space provided by the opening of an unoccupied leftfield section, and stretched themselves like a huge elastic band across the outfield.

That they were out in full force to see the Dodgers' two colored stars, Robinson and Roy Campanella, is a foregone conclusion. And their consolation came from the fact that Robbie was the only Brook regular able to solve the Athletics' pitching with any degree of success.

Jackie collected two of his team's five hits. However, like the rest of his mates, he failed to get as far as second base, so tight was the flinging of the Mackmen's hurlers, Lou Brissie and Joe Coleman.

Robbie led off both the second and seventh with slashing singles, but on each occasion was the victim of a force-out at second. He drew a base on balls with two down in the fourth, and slammed a long fly into a strong headwind in the ninth.

Executes Pickoff Play

Afield, Jackie was equally in good form. He was charged with an error on Elmer Valo's roller to start the fifth, but he more than atoned for this miscue by initiating three beautifully executed doubleplays.

Aside from this, Jackie collaborated with Roy Campanella on a pickoff play that caught Sam Chapman flatfooted.

With Majeski on second and Sam Chapman on first as a result of successive singles, Robinson stole in behind Chapman as first baseman Gil Hodges drew the runner off by leaving the bag uncovered. As Robbie sprinted over to the base, Campanella took Barney's pitch and fired to Jackie to catch Chapman flatfooted.

Although it was a 3-run inning for the A's, the play probably spared Barney more trouble.

Campanella, back in harness after recovering from a hand injury, caught the entire game. He was hitless in three tries but connected solidly on flies to the outfield his first time at bat.

Robbie Homers

The Saturday contest at Vero Beach was a thriller which saw the Dodgers come from behind, take the lead, lose it, then tie again, only to be outlasted in a 15-inning marathon.

From the standpoint of Jackie and his 300-odd "personal" fans in the isolated leftfield stands, the market day affair was as highly satisfactory as it could possibly be in view of the defeat.

For it was Robbie's home run with two aboard that put the Bums ahead after the A's had opened with a 2-run first inning. And it was his sparkling diving catch of a drive over second in the ninth that saved the game at that point and sent it into six overtime frames.

In between these two scintillating contributions, Robbie opened the fourth with a one-baser through the box and later scored; turned in a nifty over-the-head catch of a blooper off the bat of Buddy Rosar in the visiting fifth, and halted a Philadelphia threat with a running pickup of a smash by Pete Suder in the seventh.

Both the first inning homer and the diving catch in the ninth came at opportune times. The Athletics had gone 2-up their first turn at bat by bunching three hits off Pitcher Carl Erskine.

Cox Nabbed at Plate

Cal Abrams led off with a single as the Brooks came in, but Pee Wee Reese forced him at second. Duke Snider rapped a single to right and Reese went to third. With men on first and third, Jackie justified Manager Shotton's judgment in giving him the No. 4 assignment by blasting one of Phil Marchildon's fast balls over the head of Taft Wright for a base-clearing four-master.

Gene Hermanski then singled and Billy Cox tripled for another run, but Cox, trying to emulate Jackie's speedy trek around the bases, was thrown out at the plate. This was thrown out at the plate. Ferris Fain started the ninth for the A's with a single. As the score was knotted, 8-8, Wright sacrificed Fain to second. Hank Majeski was gotten on a fly to right on a long fly to left for the inning; in the second, Robinson rolled to the infield, in the sixth he sent was gotten on a fly to right field for the second which Fain moved to third. Then out of a 3-run inning; in the Sam Chapman drew a walk. With eighth he blasted a line drive third, Majeski through the box which rounders on first and third, Mor- back through the box which Majeski's right Pitcher Carl Scheib speared with Chapman. Scheib looked like a game-winning blow; in the eleventh he went out, short to first, and in the 13th, his final chance to win the game was nullified when, with Pee Wee Reese on second, he was ordered purposely passed.

Brooklyn Dodgers Trip Atlanta Crackers, 6-3 In Series Opener

Atlanta Georgia

By JOEL W. SMITH

The Brooklyn Dodgers combined superb fielding and timely hitting to squeeze out a 6-3 victory over the Atlanta Crackers in the opener of a three-game exhibition series, Friday night at Ponce de Leon Park, before a crowd of 15,119 cash customers.

The series continues with single games this afternoon and Sunday, game time will be 3 p. m.

Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn second baseman, touched off the fireworks by driving in the first run of the game with a single that bounced away from Jack Hollis and rolled out into right-field. This blow came after Dick Hoover, the Cracker southpaw walked Cal Abrams and hit Spider Jorgenen with a pitched ball. Carl Furillo's single scored Jorgenson to put the Brooks on top, 2-0.

Harry Taylor, Brooklyn's crack right-hander with an uncanny change of pace, issued a base on balls to Jack Hollis, the Atlanta lead-off man, who crossed the plate on Chet Hajduk's two-bagger to right-field.

CAMPANELLA OPENS SECOND WITH SINGLE

Roy Campanella opened the second inning by slapping a single to right-field, but was forced at second, when Taylor hit into a double-play. Robinson connected for his second straight hit of the game, a single to left-field, in the third inning.

Hoover worked his way out of a jam in the sixth. Furillo led-off with a single and after Billy Cox walked, Gill Hodges singled and went to second when Lloyd Gearheart let the ball get away. Manager Cliff Dapper decided to put Campanella on. The Dodger catcher was forced at second on Taylor's grounder. The Dodgers added single runs in the seventh and eighth.

The Crackers waited until two were in the eighth before they jumped on Taylor and sent him to the showers. Spearheading this attack were Al Flair, Gearhart, and Larry Drake. Then after Gene Verble's single off Carl Erskine, Manager Dapper popped to Robinson, retiring the side.

On his final appearance at the plate, Robinson bunted down the third base line to advance Jorgensen and McCormick. Larry Hartley walked to send Jorgenson home and end the scoring for the evening.

BOX SCORES

BROOKLYN	AB.	R.	H.
Abrams, rf	5	1	0
Jorgensen, 3b	5	3	1
McCormick, cf	5	0	2
Robinson, 2b	4	0	2
Furillo, lf	5	1	2
Cox, ss	5	1	1
Hodges, 1b	5	0	2
Campanella, c	4	0	1
Taylor, p	4	0	0
Erskine, p	0	0	0
TOTALS	42	6	11

ATLANTA	AB.	R.	H.
Hollis, 2b	5	1	0
Hadjuk, 3b	4	0	2
Brown, cf	4	0	0
Flair, 1b	4	1	1
Gearhart, lf	4	1	1
Drake, rf	4	0	2
Verble, ss	4	0	2
Dapper, c	4	0	1
Hoover, p	3	0	0
Morgan	1	0	0
TOTALS	37	3	10

Reese will see a doctor in Fort Worth when the Brooks arrive there early Saturday morning. Everybody hopes that there is nothing seriously wrong, not only because of personal liking for Peewee, but because his loss would be a blow to the Brooks.

Billy Cox, who replaced Reese today and who has been called by Branch Rickey "the best shortstop insurance any club could have," could handle the job well and Spider Jorgensen would take care of third base.

But no matter how good the replacements, there is only one Reese—and no one knows that better than Rickey and Shotton.

Hatten coasted most of the way after the Dodgers had assaulted the veteran Al Gerheauser, who used to pitch for the Pirates, Phils and Browns, for five runs in the first inning.

Three runs crossed on two of the five errors the Missions made in the game and two more tallies in the fourth, Al's final frame, were tainted because of a misplay. The eighth run, scored off Tommy Fine in the sixth, also came on an error when Fine threw away a double-play bounder hit to him by Jackie Robinson.

Three Hits in a Row

Jackie made three straight hits, starting with a double in the first inning, and drove in two runs, much to the delight of several thousand Negro fans, some of whom occupied box seats—the first such an arrangement had been made.

Jackie left the game in the ninth—he, too, has been troubled with a sore side—but Roy Campanella caught all the way, making one hit and driving in the fifth run of the opening game.

Jack Banta, slated to pitch against the Houston Buffs tomorrow, may not make it. He was laying in the clubhouse during the game, suffering from an upset stomach. Harry Taylor, assigned for the opener in Ft. Worth Saturday, may move up, or Shotton may pick Willie Ramsdell or Clarence Podbeilan.

Shotton sent a full right-handed hitting array into the game today

The box score:

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
M'Cormick, rf	5	2	2	1	0	1
Reese, ss	1	1	1	0	0	0
Hicks, 3b-2b	2	2	1	1	3	0
Furillo, cf	3	1	2	2	0	0
Robinson, 2b	5	1	3	0	4	0
Jorgensen, 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown, lf	5	0	1	2	0	0
Cox, 3b-ss	2	1	0	0	3	0
Hodges, 1b	4	0	1	13	0	0
Campanella, c	5	0	1	7	0	0
Hatten, p	4	0	0	1	1	0
Total	37	8	11	27	11	1

SAN ANTONIO (T.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Caffery, 2b	2	0	0	1	2	2
Hopkins, c	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hamner, ss	4	1	1	1	1	1
Riga, cf	4	0	2	4	1	0
Novosel, lf	4	0	1	3	0	0
Pack, lf	0	0	0	1	0	0
Martin, rf	4	0	1	4	1	0
Lutz, 1b	3	0	0	8	1	0
McCarthy, 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lenhardt, 3b	4	0	0	1	4	1
Baich, c	2	0	0	2	0	0
Denson, 2b	1	0	0	1	0	0
G'rheauser, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fine, p	1	0	1	1	4	1
aKane	0	0	0	0	0	0
bFowler	1	0	0	0	0	0
cThomas	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	33	1	6	27	14	5

aKane ran for Baich in seventh.
bFowler fanned for Lutz in eighth.
cThomas fanned for Fine in ninth.

Brooklyn ..... 5 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 0—8
San Antonio ..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1

Runs batted in—Robinson 2, Hodges, Campanella, Riga.

Two-base hits—Robinson, Novosel. Left on bases—Brooklyn 9, San Antonio 8. Stolen base—Robinson. Sacrifices—Furillo, Cox. Double play—Martin and Lenhardt. Hits—Off Gerheauser 8 in 4 innings, Fine 3 in 5. Bases on balls—Off Gerheauser 2, Fine 2, Hatten 3. Struck out—By Hatten 7. Losing pitcher—Gerheauser. Passed ball—Baich. Umpires—Williamson (T.) and Conlan (N.). Time of game—1:52.

BROOKS TURN BACK SAN ANTONIO, 8 TO 1

New York Times

Hatten Goes Route on Mound

Reese Forced Out of Action

New York Herald Tribune

to See Fort Worth Doctor

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 31—The Dodgers won another ball game in Texas today, beating Gus Mancuso's Missions, 8—1, before 8,245 cash customers at the new Mission Stadium, with Oakland Joe Hatten turning in the third route job.

But the victory was of much less concern to Manager Barney Shotton and his men than the condition of their captain and star shortstop Peewee Reese, who left the game after hitting in the second inning.

The Little Colonel, who was rested for several days last week with what was thought to be a pulled abdominal muscle, failed to get rid of the soreness and now there is the possibility that he has a hernia.

Dr. Harold Wendler, club trainer, said immediately after Reese left the game that "it must be something other than a pulled muscle, or he would have recovered by now."

Mates Rooting for Him

It's Baseball Time

Chicago Defender

Ga. Whites Cheer Jackie

Sat 4-16-49

By RUSS J. COWANS

ATLANTA — Dr. Samuel Green, grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, said it wouldn't be done, but a record-smashing throng of baseball fans said it would, and oiled the turnstiles with hard cash to see it done and, at the same time, prove the imperial wizard of the Klan a poor prognosticator of events.

Dr. Green protested long and loud last January, shortly after President Earl Mann had announced a three-game exhibition series for his Atlanta Crackers against the Brooklyn Dodgers. The old wizard donned his imperial pillows and sheets and shouted from the housetops that it was agin' the law of Georgia.

The leader of the pillow and sheet brigade had hoped that his mouthings would bring forth a hue and cry from every young 'un in the land, and there would be a general uprising when the Brooklyn Dodgers invaded Georgia, coming in by the way of Macon. But he was doomed to disappointment.

Robinson was the big attraction that drew 6,436 fans into the Macon park Thursday night to watch the Dodgers trample the Macon Peaches, 11-2, in an exhibition. Half of the crowd were Negroes, many who had come from as far away as South Carolina.

This marked the first time in the history of baseball in Georgia that a Negro played on a white team against another white team. Roy Campanella, the other colored player on the Dodger team, did not get into the game.

It was a gala invasion of his home state by Robinson, who was born in Cairo, Ga. He collected three singles and a walk in five trips to the plate. He drove in two runs and scored one. Robinson had home plate stolen in the fourth, but was sent back to third base when the pitch hit the batter, Carl Furillo.

Sat 4-16-49

The Dodger second sacker was cheered every time he came to bat. The cheers were mixed with a few boos.

In Atlanta Friday night, Jackie thrilled 15,119 orderly fans as he rapped out two singles, drove in two runs and scored two as the Dodgers triumphed over the Atlanta Crackers, 6-3.

Robinson went to bat in the first inning with one out and two mates on the sacks, crying to be rescued. There was a tremendous applause before Jackie slashed a single that scored two runs. He beat out a bunt in the ninth.

Campanella was behind the plate to receive the pitching of Harry Taylor. Campanella collected one hit in three trips to the plate.

The game here Friday night marked the first time a Negro had played against a white team in Ponce de Leon Park in Atlanta.

A crowd of 8,865 saw Robinson go hitless in the game Saturday afternoon. Jim Bagby, former major league right-hander, held the Dodgers to six hits as the Crackers won, 9-1.

Fans poured into Atlanta from every city in the state, and also from as far away as Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee.

might illuminate your public profitably if you will write on this subject.
F. R. GREEN.
Atlanta, Ga.

He's a Good Sport

Editor Constitution: I read your editorial on the baseball game between the Atlanta Crackers and the Brooklyn Dodgers, also the one about the new Methodist church. I never believed that there would be any trouble at the ball park if the fans were not interfered with by professional anti-Negro agitators who make a living out of stirring up racial hate. Sportsmen seldom show any kind of prejudice above the game and those who saw how the Atlanta sporting people received the two Negro players and applauded them saw that the fans were cheering good baseball and not solving race problems. And that is how it should be. In all walks of life, efficiency, not color.

The two editorials coming together on baseball and on the church suggested to me to ask you to write another editorial explaining why it is when people want to pay a compliment to a person for being fair, or for doing something that is unpleasant, or hurts him, they never say, "He is a good churchman," or even, "He is a good Christian," but almost all the time say, "He is a good sport?" Why do sports like baseball and boxing, and racing, etc., break the ice where church people falter too often? I think you

Dodgers' Star Says He'll Play

He and Campanella Issue Statements

Dixie Cities Ignore Klan Head's Wailing

NEW YORK—Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella, tan members of the Brooklyn Dodgers, fully intend to play baseball where their employer, Branch Rickey, tells them to play, Ku Klux Klan threats notwithstanding, they told the AFRO Monday morning.

"I make the same statement now that I made on my Saturday night radio broadcast," declared Robinson, star second-baseman of the Bums who is preparing for his third year in the major leagues by working at the Harlem Branch YMCA.

"At that time," continued Jackie, "I told the radio audience that my reaction to the story is simply this: I will play wherever the Brooklyn Dodgers want me to play. I don't know how far the Klan objection can go, but I hope very much that the fans in Atlanta, or all over America for that matter, will not allow this objection to cause a cancellation of the game."

Campanella, a catcher, and who also is working during the off season as an athletic instructor at the local Y, issued a statement similar to that of his teammate and friend.

"Of course, this can be a serious thing. But I don't intend to become too gravely concerned about it. When you're working for someone, as we are for the Brooklyn organization, you don't tell them where and when you are willing to work. If we are sent to some town where the Ku Klux Klan may resent our presence, it will be only because we are pursuing our means of livelihood, and not because we have any particular social aspirations.

"I feel certain Mr. Rickey won't tell us to do something that is against the law or that will develop into a 'nasty' situation."

Answer KKK Challenge

The statements of Robinson and Campanella came as the result of published reports that the Ku Klux Klan leadership of Atlanta, Ga., plans to protest the two colored stars' appearance along with white players in three exhibition games there Apr. 8-10.

Klan Grand Dragon Samuel Green threatened to "investigate thoroughly" the legality of colored-white competition in Atlanta, and "to use every means at his disposal" to prevent what in his opinion would be a "violation of Georgia's segregation laws."

Green forwarded a letter of protest to Gov. Herman Talmadge, Georgia's staunch "white supremacy" advocate. But the latter immediately resorted to hedging to dodge issue.

Presumably, because of the powerful business interests involved

Campanella Robinson

in the promotion, together with the capital city's chamber of commerce Talmadge referred the matter to Fulton County Solicitor Paul Webb. Webb said he was unaware of any law covering such a situation.

"Just Won't Play"

In the meantime, Branch Rickey, Dodger president, told New York newspapermen that he had no intention of withholding Robbie and Camp from the proposed series.

"It shall never come about," Rickey told the AFRO, "that anyone, anywhere, will be able to tell us what players we will use or where we will use them. Robinson and Campanella are on the Dodgers team and their use is left entirely to the discretion of the Dodgers' manager, Burt Shotten.

"I have said many times before that we do not wish to break any laws or to have anyone break their laws for us. If there is no law to prevent the Dodgers from playing, intact, in Atlanta, or any other city, we will play there. If there is such a law, then there just won't be any game. That's all there is to that."

First Since '46

The Georgia flare-up is the first open criticism directed at the Dodgers since 1946, when Robinson and John Wright were first signed by Brooklyn for its Montreal farm club. At that time, the team trained at Daytona Beach, Fla., and while there were some veiled threats these disappeared in due course.

Several exhibition games, however, listed for Florida and Georgia cities, were cancelled when the team found the parks locked and guarded.

In order to avoid similar occurrences in 1947, Rickey took his Dodger and Montreal squads to Havana, Cuba for spring training. Last year, the clubs conditioned in Ciuad Trujillo, of the Dominican Republic, obviously another move that was meant to duck the anti-racial feeling of the deep South.

The ice was broken, though, in Florida, Texas, Oklahoma and North Carolina when cities in these Dixie States invited the Bums to make appearances there and urged them to bring along whatever colored players they had.

No Incidents Last Year

No untoward incident occurred and, in Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas; Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla., and Asheville, N.C., overflow crowds greeted the entourage on its appearances.

That the opposition of any segment of the Georgia population was totally unexpected can be gleaned from the fact that Rickey instructed Dodger Secretary Harold Parrott to book games in Atlanta, Macon and Valdosta, the latter one of the State's truly acknowledged "hotbeds" of racial animosity.

In addition to the Georgia cities, the Dodgers are booked for contests in Miami and West Palm Beach, in Florida, in addition to Vero Beach, where the Bums will pitch their camp; San Antonio, Beaumont, Houston, Fort Worth and Dallas, Tex.; Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla., and Asheville, and Charlotte, N.C.

Plaing Lone Hand

There were growing indications early this week that Klan Dragon Green is playing a lone hand in his anti-Dodger crusade.

An Atlanta Constitution sports writer asked ten persons at random what they thought about Robinson and Campanella playing baseball here.

Eight, Writer Jesse Outlar reported, said it would be all right as far as they were concerned for the two Brooklyn Dodger colored stars to play against Atlanta's Crackers.

Two objected. One said, "It's going to cause trouble." The other asserted, "It just won't go over here."

One of those approving, a young woman, said she thought the Atlanta club "could use the publicity."

Others said that the colored players had to have ability to make the major league grade and their performance here ought to be an asset to the sport.

Others Welcome Duo

Other Southern cities in which the Dodgers have scheduled spring exhibition games ignored the protests of the Ku Klux Klan and heartily welcomed the coming appearances of the colored pair.

No Trouble in Charlotte

Disregarding the angry dissent of the Klan Grand Dragon, responsible officials and sports writers throughout Dixie unstintingly endorsed the participation of the players in ga[illegible]st local clubs.

In Charlotte, w[illegible]e Dodgers are scheduled to play the Tri-State club April 12, Mayor H. H. Baxter said the mixing of white and colored baseball players is "nothing new . . . and we've never had any trouble."

Sports Editor Wilton Garrison of The Charlotte Observer previously had extended a welcome to the Dodgers. Pro football games helped to break down the color line, wrote Garrison, and there is "no reason why colored baseball players should not be received the same way in the future."

In Asheville, N.C., sports writer Red Miller of The Citizen pointed out that Robinson and the Dodgers "played to packed stands with no racial discrimination" in Asheville last year. Miller predicted another sell-out.

Expects Large Crowd

Jimmy Gaston, president of the Greenville, S.C., Spinners of the South Atlantic League, also approved an exhibition game against the Dodgers. "We should draw a fine crowd," he said.

Applies to Audiences

A Dodger game with the Macon, Ga. Peaches, also of the South Atlantic League, April 17, was endorsed by Mayor Lewis B. Wilson. City Attorney Ed Sell said he believed segregation laws in Georgia apply to audiences rather than to participants.

Herewith is the Dodger exhibition schedule, pending the straightening of difficulties in Atlanta:

March 12-13, Braves at Miami; March 15, Athletics at West Palm Beach, Fla.; March 16, Athletics at Vero Beach; March 19, Athletics at Vero Beach; March 20, Athletics at West Palm Beach; March 23, Athletics at West Palm Beach; March 26, Senators at Vero Beach; March 27, Athletics at Vero Beach;

March 30, Beaumont at Beaumont; March 31, San Antonio at San Antonio; April 1, Houston at Houston; April 2-3, Forth Worth at Fort Worth; April 4, Dallas at Dallas; April 5, Oklahoma City at Oklahoma City; April 6, Tulsa at Tulsa; April 7, Macon at Macon; April 8, Atlanta at Atlanta; April 9-10, Atlanta at Atlanta (Sukeforth squad at Valdosta, Ga.); April 11, Greenville at Greenville, N.C.; April 12, Senators at Charlotte; April 13, Baltimore at Baltimore; April 14, Senators at Washington; April 15, Yankees at Yankee Stadium; April 16-17, Yankees at Ebbets' Field

DODGERS SHUT OUT WASHINGTON, 4 TO 0

Martin and Banta Combine to Blank Senators—Robinson, Edwards Pace Attack

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Special to The New York Times

VERO BEACH, Fla., March 26—Morris Martin and Jack Banta combined to pitch the Dodgers to their second shut-out of the Grapefruit League season today when the Brooks beat the Washington Senators, 4—0, before 1,100 fans.

The former St. Paul southpaw was the starter and winner, going five innings. The slender Banta pitched the last four frames.

Bruce Edwards, catching the entire game—and again making no throws—tuned in with a home run off Dick Weik, 21-year-old rookie right-hander, in the seventh inning. It was a prodigious drive toward the open space of left-center field. Gil Coan finally got a glove on the ball but never gained control.

Banta Gets Double

Banta followed this blow with another in the same direction for two bases and scored the final run of the game when Carl Furillo rapped a single to right on his only time at bat.

Jackie Robinson, who retired at the end of the fifth inning, continued to demonstrate his fitness as No. 4 hitter by singling Cal Abrams home with the first run in the first inning, then driving a double to left and scoring in the fourth inning on Gene Hermanski's double to right.

The Senators made threatening gestures only in the fourth and eighth innings, especially the latter, when singles by Sam Dente and Ed Stewart, wrapped around a pass to Sherry Robertson, got a man almost to the plate. But Dente didn't make it, as Mike McCormick, a late replacement in right field for Abrams, fanned

Stewart's single nicely and threw Sam out at home.

In the fourth, two Senators got into scoring position after two were out when Martin's control lapsed a bit. Buddy Lewis singled with one away and, with two out, Morris hit Eddie Yost on the foot, then cut loose a wild pitch. Eddie Robinson lifted an easy fly to Duke Snider to end that threat.

Montreal this year along with Sally Banta, yielded one run and two hits finishing up for the Brooks.

Kevin Connors made his debut at first base for Brooklyn, getting a single in five trips to the plate.

Still the property of Montreal, he was sent here from Vero Beach to replace Dee Fondy, who has been returned to Fort Worth.

Macon hurlers. DODGERS, 11; PEACHES, 2.

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Banta Podbielan (7) and Hodges, Edwards (7); Hanson, Atchley (6), Spicer (7) and Cash.

Macon, Peaches of the League, 11 to 2, last night before an overflow crowd of 6,436. It marked the first time a Negro had been permitted to play with white players in this state.

Duke Snider and Carl Furillo clouted home runs to lead the 17 hit attack that was against three Macon Rookie Jack Banta (Sukeforth squad at Valdosta, Ga.); April 11, Greenville at Greenville, N.C.; April 12, Senators at Charlotte; April 13, Baltimore at Baltimore; April 14, Senators at Washington; April 15, Yankees at Yankee Stadium; April 16-17, Yankees at Ebbets' Field

Dodgers Beat Macon, 11-2

With 17 Hits.

MACON—(UP)—Negro baseball history was made here last night as the Brooklyn Dodgers trounced the Podbielan, who moved up from Second Baseman Jackie Robinson banged six innings for two hits and one run. Clarence

HATTEN OF DODGERS BLANKS TULSA, 10-0

Giving 3 Hits, He Retires 18 in Row—Conners Called Up, Fondy Back in Minors

New York Times

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

TULSA, Okla., April 6—While Brooklyn's Joe Hatten was shutting out Tulsa of the Texas League, 10 to 0, today for his second nine-inning job, President Branch Rickey of the Dodgers continued his search for first-base insurance by returning one player to one farm club and calling up another player from another farm club.

Dee Fondy was sent back to Fort Worth of the Texas League, which holds his contract, at the same time as Kevin Conners was summoned from Montreal, although his contract remained with the International League club. Conners is a product of Seton Hall College, South Orange, N. J.

After beating the Oilers, the Brooks boarded their chartered airliner to head for Macon, Ga. It was their final game against Texas League opposition and their seventh straight victory over six clubs in that circuit since the Brooks flew into the Southwest from their Vero Beach (Fla.) training base.

7,153 Watch Contest

An overflow crowd of 7,153 cash customers, including 1,600 Negroes, saw Hatten give a single in each of the first two innings. Then he held the Oilers hitless until, with one out in the ninth, Jim Gremillion, substitute third sacker, singled to center.

Before that blow Joe had turned back eighteen in a row, once striking out three straight. Altogether he fanned seven.

The Dodgers accumulated fourteen hits against three pitchers, including a 360-foot home run by Duke Snider—his second of the tour—as well as Spider Jorgensen's two doubles and a single. Snider also had a pair of singles and batted in four runs.

Bob Sanders, young right-hander, held the Brooks to two runs in his three-inning stint and Ken Polivka, a southpaw, did all right until Snider hit his homer to open the sixth. Then he allowed two more runs on singles by Jackie Robinson, Carl Furillo and Roy Campanella.

Three Dodgers crossed the plate in the seventh against a wild right-hander, Dewey Jacobs, one of them on a wild pitch. In the ninth two passes, two more wild pitches, Robinson's scoring fly and Furillo's second single produced two runs.

Hatten in Top Form

When Hatten beat the Missions in San Antonio, 8—1, last Thursday, they scored in the first inning. Joe now has an unfinished string of seventeen scoreless frames.

The trio of outfielders who have started in the last four games—Cal Abrams, Snider and Furillo—have been hitting at unusual heights. In six games Abrams has batted .500 and Snider .444, while in four games Furillo has hit .400. Duke's hits include two homers and five doubles and he has batted in ten runs. Abrams has three doubles, one triple and a homer and has walked ten times. Furillo has no extra base hits, but has driven in three runs.

Rickey brought word that the three exhibition games in Atlanta over the week-end had been sold out. In Fort Worth tomorrow he is expected to see both Manager Leo Durocher of the Giants and Coach Red Smith of the Cubs. Trade talk may end soon.

PLAY IN MIAMI APPROVED

Dodger Negro Stars May Be Used Against the Red Sox

New York Times

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 14 (AP)—Dr. Ralph B. Ferguson, chairman of Miami's baseball commission, said today the Brooklyn Dodgers and Boston Red Sox would play an exhibition baseball game here in March with Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella, Negroes, in the Dodger line-up.

"They (Robinson and Campanella) are going to play. We received authorization from the City Commission. It was our attitude that if the Dodgers played a Miami team, it might be different. They will be playing another major league team and both the American and National Leagues use Negroes."

DODGERS ACQUIRE NEGRO SHORTSTOP

Pendleton, 23, Is Assigned to St. Paul—31 Now in Fold as Hermanski Signs Contract

New York Times

By LOUIS EFFRAT

Pioneer in the field of opening the gates of major league baseball to Negroes, Branch Rickey, president of the Dodgers, yesterday announced the acquisition of James Edward Pendleton, a 23-year-old shortstop from the Chicago American Giants of the Negro American League.

Pendleton, a .340 hitter, has been assigned to a St. Paul contract and will report to the Vero Beach, Fla., camp of the Dodgers and their affiliates. There Pendleton will be among the 150 or so talented athletes that Manager Burt Shotton will look over. However, Pendleton is not deemed quite ready for the big show.

Fresco Thompson, overseer of the Brooklyn farm system, scouted Pendleton in the Venezuelan winter league, where he batted .360 and paced the loop in home runs with the second-place Magallenes club. Fresco thinks quite highly of the 6-foot 1-inch 180-pounder who resides in St. Louis.

With the signing of Pendleton, there now are eleven Negroes in the Dodger organization, one less than in the Cleveland set-up.

Rickey was bursting with news items yesterday and not the least important was the signing of Gene Hermanski. The outfielder slammed 15 homers, 7 triples and 22 doubles while batting .290 with the Dodgers last year. He is the thirty-first Dodger to have accepted terms, leaving nine unsigned.

Foresees No Difficulties

Gil Hodges, due here in a day or so, Marv Rackley and George Shuba are the most prominent still among the missing, but Rickey said he anticipated no difficulties. In fact, he was glowing in his praise over Hodges, who he described as brainy, powerful, forceful and a far-seeing gentleman.

The Dodgers' official party will head for Vero Beach Sunday afternoon. Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Rex Barney, Hermanski, Tom Brown, Ed Miksis, Carl Furillo, Billy Cox, Coaches Jake Pitler, and Clyde Sukeforth and possibly Hodges, will be in the group.

Rickey apologized in advance for the confusion that is likely to surround training headquarters. "Of all the candidates on the scene, Shotton will especially view sixty-eight with an eye toward Dodger berths. There will be lads on hand from Fort Worth, Mobile, St. Paul, Montreal and, of course, Brooklyn. Burt may have to order eleven days of intrasquad contests before our regularly-scheduled exhibitions start," said Rickey.

The recently signed working agreement with Hollywood of the Pacific Coast League will bring the California powers-that-bee to Vero Beach. Impatient though they may be for players—a third baseman, an outfielder, a catcher and several pitchers—the Californians will have to bide their time.

Suddenly Quits Working

Rickey voiced disappointment in Hank Behrman. The right-hander, who had been working at Ebbets Field at 90 cents per day, suddenly quit working. "If Behrman had stayed on the job a couple of more weeks he would have been rewarded with a handsome bonus," the Brooklyn prexy declared.

The Cubs, on the strength of young, promising pitchers, are Rickey's nomination for the "dark-horse of the league." . . . He is quite optimistic over his own club, but adds the revelation that every one of eight National League teams feels it will finish in the first division." . . . William P. Schweppe, who was business manager at Danville and Newport News the past three seasons, has joined the front-office staff as aide to Thompson. . . . "A Future With the Dodgers" is a neat publication just off the presses, but not for public consumption. It depicts the benefits for young players who join the Dodger organization.

Brooks' Negro Players Face Disbarment From Exhibitions In Georgia

ATLANTA, Jan. 14.—(AP)—A thorny triangle may be developing between Georgia's governor, the Ku Klux Klan and two Negro baseball players for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Governor Herman Talmadge and Klan Grand Dragon Dr. Samuel Green say they may check to see if Georgia's segregation laws will be violated if Second Baseman Jackie Robinson and Catcher Roy Campanella play against the Atlanta Crackers in exhibition games.

The Dodgers, including Robinson and Campanella, are scheduled to play the Crackers, of the Southern Association, in three exhibitions, April 8, 9, and 10, in Atlanta.

Dr. Green said emphatically "You can bet your life I'll look up the segregation law and investigate thoroughly. In my opinion it's illegal." Talmadge said the matter "probably will come to my attention later. I'll look into it then."

Officials of the Dodgers would make no comment following Dr. Green's statement.

Dodgers Land On Sain, 6-0

The Washington Post

Washington, D.C.

Miami, March 13 (U.P.).—Led by Cal Abrams, Brooklyn rookie outfielder, the Dodgers spoiled Johnny Sain's first start and belted the Braves for the second straight day, 6 to 0, before the largest crowd that ever saw a baseball game in Miami today.

Abrams' four hits, including a three-run homer off Sain the leading National League pitcher, partly appeased the 9675 spectators who were disappointed when Jackie Robinson failed to play. The Negro star complained of a stiff neck following his collision with Sibby Sisti, Boston second baseman, in yesterday's game.

Sain worked five innings, yielding five runs, six hits and three walks in addition to hitting a batter. Three were collected by Abrams who reached first base eight consecutive times over two days on six hits and two walks before he was struck out by rookie Bob Hall in the eighth.

Negro Outfielder Signs With Dodger Farm Team

Newark Evening News

Richard Robertson, Negro outfielder from Huntington, L. I., has signed a baseball contract with the Three Rivers Club, of the Canadian-American League, business manager Marcel Dufresne announced yesterday.

Three Rivers is an affiliate of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Robertson is a graduate of Huntington High School, where he starred in football, basketball and baseball. He is right-handed, stands 6 feet and weighs 195 pounds.

Robertson was recommended by George Sisler, Dodger scout, who watched him play with the Huntington A. C. in a Suffolk County league last summer.

YANKEES, DODGERS DEPART FOR CAMPS

New York Times

Banta, Shuba Accept Terms of Brooks—Shea and Page With Bombers' Party

Pennsylvania Station thronged with southbound ballplayers and shadowing autograph seekers yesterday afternoon. Main contingents of the Dodgers and the Yankees left for Florida from the same platform within the space of fifteen minutes, with members of the Boston Braves and Red Sox headed in the same direction on the same trains.

Before the Brooklyn party of nine players pulled out aboard the Atlantic Coast Line's East Coast Champion, Branch Rickey Jr. took occasion to announce that Pitcher Jack Banta and Outfielder Gene Shuba had signed their contracts. Their acceptance of terms left the Dodgers with only three members of their forty-man roster unsigned.

The news that Yogi Berra had joined the fold having broken prematurely the day before, spokesman for the Yankee group of five combatants left on board the Seaboard Airlines' Silver Meteor without a word, other than the inevitable, "We'll be in there, fighting for the pennant."

In the Brooklyn delegation were Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Rex Barney, Gil Hodges and Gene Hermanski of the varsity, and

Billy Cox, Tommy Brown and Vero Beach; Buddy Hicks, who will lend extra confusion to the manifold struggle for the wide-open third-base post.

With the party, although not officially one of it, was Don Newcombe, the towering Negro pitcher for whom Branch Rickey has high predicted a brilliant future. Newcombe is listed on the roster of Montreal, Brooklyn's International League affiliate, but will work toward the Dodger squad proper at

Carl Furillo and Eddie Miksis were scheduled to join the group from here, in charge of Paul Krichell, veteran scout, and Clyde Sukeforth and Jake Pitler, Dodger coaches.

Arthur E. Patterson, Road director.

Harold Parrott and Secretary Rickey Jr. shepherded the players to the train.

Pitchers Spec Shea and Joe Page, whose readily apparent photographers streamlining contributes to the optimism that prevails in the Yankee front office, were among the fourteen other players of the Yankees' party.

Along with the Yankees, the major league clubs, and Dodgers will commence training on Tuesday.

Clarence Votowicz and Pete Gentile sent the Dodgers into a flurry of activity by showing up with four of relatives and a of well-wishers.

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A SIGN OF THE TIMES — With the official opening of the baseball season this week, Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella, members of the Brooklyn Dodgers can expect their writing hands to receive plenty of action as their hordes of admirers clamor for autographs. They are shown in the above picture signing their signatures for a group of admirers before an exhibition tilt with the New York Yankees.—Keystone Photo.

DODGERS ANSWER KLAN CHALLENGE

Won't Play in South Without Robinson and Campanella, Brooks' President Says

NO INTENT TO BREAK LAW

But Nobody Can Tell Me What Men I Can or Cannot Use in Games," Rickey Adds

By JOHN DREBINGER

Branch Rickey made yesterday to the challenge apparently thrown him in the report from the capital of Georgia that Governor Herman Talmadge and the Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan were preparing to look into the legality of Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella appearing with the Dodgers when they play the Atlanta Crackers on April 8, 9 and 10.

"Nobody can tell me anywhere what players I can or cannot play," declared the Dodger prexy with a rare display of heat and emphasis.

According to a Associated Press dispatch, the issue was raised by Dr. Samuel Green of Atlanta, Klan Grand Dragon, who reportedly gave it as his opinion that it would be illegal and in violation of Georgia's segregation law for the Dodger Negroes to play in Atlanta.

Objections Are Deplored

"I regret very much that anybody anywhere should object to the Dodgers playing a game with their regular team," said Rickey when informed of the report in his Brooklyn office, "and it certainly would not be out intention to break the law. That we would never do."

Asked then, point blank, whether the Dodgers would still go through with their Atlanta exhibition dates if it were ruled they could not play their two Negroes, Rickey replied:

"Is that a hypothetical question?"

Informed it was, Rickey said:

"Then my answer to that is an emphatic no. Nobody anywhere and at any time can tell me what players we can use. That is a decision I leave entirely to my manager, Burt Shotton.

::Now don't get the idea I am carrying a banner on this issue or that I am crusading to have other people change their laws. We'll always observe the laws wherever we go.

"But if we are not allowed to use the players we want to play, or are informed that by using certain players we are violating a law, why the Dodgers simply won't play there and that is all there is to that."

Governor Noncommital

Although the Klan Grand Dragon, Dr. Green, according to The Associated Press, already seems to have formed the opinion the appearance of the Negro Dodger players would be illegal, Governor Talmadge declined to commit himself, saying he had not been informed of the proposed three-game series in Atlanta and that he had been busy with the State Legislature.

"It will probably come to my attention later," the Governor is reported to have said, "and I will look into it then."

"You can bet your life I'll look up the segregation law and investigate thoroughly," Dr. Green was quoted as saying.

In the meantime, Earl Mann, president of the Atlanta Crackers, apparently means to go along on the assumption that the Dodgers with their Negro stars will play as scheduled.

"We will play whatever team the Dodgers put on the field," Mann is quoted in The Associated Press dispatch. Since Robinson and Campanella are rated as Brooklyn regulars we expect they will be in the Dodger line-up."

Robinson, second baseman of the Dodgers, speaking on his radio program over WMCA last night, had this to say:

"This is my reaction to that story about the Ku Klux Klan. I will play baseball wherever my employers, the Brooklyn Dodgers, want me to play.

"Now, I don't know how far this objection can go, but I hope very much that the fans in Atlanta, or all over America for that matter, will not allow this objection to cause a cancellation of the game."

The threatened flare-up in Georgia is but another of many obstacles that have confronted Rickey ever since he signed Robinson to a Montreal contract in 1946 and the following year brought him up to the Dodgers to become the first recognized Negro player to appear in the major leagues.

Newcombe May Join Dodgers in Chicago Tuesday

New York, N. Y.

By a Staff Correspondent

BOSTON, May 13.—Don Newcombe, the Negro right-hander with the fantastic Rickeyesque price-tag of a half-million dollars, is coming up to the major leagues, it was learned tonight.

Who nasked to comment on the report that Newcombe was "pitching his last game for Montreal tonight," Burt Shotton, Dodger manager, replied: "We had planned to bring him up around the 19th (official cut-down date when the squad can number no more than twenty-five active players), but I gues sthey've decided to do it a little sooner."

wewcombe, who won seventeen for the International League champions last year, probably will join the Dodgers in Chicago Tuesday.

Shotton, discussing Newcombe's trigger temperament and inclination to sulk, said: "I think he has decided to keep his mouth shut. I never had any doubts about his ability to pitch in the big leagues. I just didn't want him spoiling it for the other two fellows."

Shotton's "other two fellews" are Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella, the two Negroes on the squad.

Dodgers Lose To A's, 9 to 8, In 15 Innings

Robinson, Snider Clout Home Runs

Fain Single Off Haugstad With 2 Out Scores Joost With Winning Marker

By Harold Rosenthal

VERO BEACH, Fla., March 19.—There's no need for further concern over the condition of the Brooklyn Dodgers. They're in mid-season form, as demonstrated by the manner in which they slipped into that old familiar three hours-plus pattern in a fifteen inning exhibition game with the Philadelphia Athletics today. The A's won, 9 to 8, behind Dick Blauman, an eighteen-year-old sandlot player, who isn't even on their spring training roster.

Long-ball hitting by Billy Cox, Jackie Robinson and Duke Snider hauled the Dodgers back into the ball game after faulty pitching had practically handed it to the A's in the first three innings. The extra-power wasn't there, however, when it was necessary to break the extra-inning deadlock, walked four men in a row. That's over their Brooklyn rivals in their six-game exhibition series. An-up from the Texas League last

but the A's man- games have been decided by a cross five runs single run and both A's victories s too much of a have been scored in overtime. to recover.

Erskine Walks Four

es, but win, no. The Dodgers suffered horrend- ding the score- ous damages in the third inning efit of the 1,171 and hammered in three runs. to get the idea customers seemed to get their money's fter the twelfth blow from which to recover. counted for three runs. Snider's early. He quit after the sixth inning base-clearing effort in the sixth came with Peewee Reese on base.

Some solace for Brooklyn was

For the A's, Taft Wright smote a homer into the customers standing on the periphery in right field and just about made it home before he ran out of gas. Sam Chapman and Wally Moses contributed a double apiece to the A's fourteen-hit total off five Brooklyn hurlers. Brooklyn got seventeen off a quartet of Philadelphia pitchers.

A's Score on Ramsdell

Burt Shotton, after starting Erskine and relieving with Van Cuyk, utilized the talents of Willie (the Knuck) Ramsdell, Hank Behrman and Phil Haugstad. The A's scored one run on three hits off Ramsdell but the flutter-ball thrower looked good.

Behrman gave up four hits in four innings and Haugstad was on the mound when Ferris Fain punched out his two-out single into left field and scored Eddie Joost with the winning run.

The A's mound quartet was comprised of Phil Marchildon, nicked for four runs on five hits in the big Brooklyn first inning; Alex Kellner, the winning pitcher in the last extra-inning game the teams played here; Carl Scheib and Blauman.

Scheib's performance was the best of the day. He came on in the seventh, went seven more and gave up only three hits while holding Brooklyn scoreless. He's the same fellow Brooklyn knocked around for eight hits in three innings at West Palm Beach last week.

For those who are following the fortunes of Cal Abrams, the outfielder up from Mobile, it can be reported that, although Cal only got two singles in eight trips to the plate, he played a sparkling game afield. Abrams, operating in right field, covered leagues of ground chasing windblown flies and fouls. He came in and made a sensational catch on Hank Majeski's fly in just behind second base in the ninth. Had he missed it the game would have ended without recourse to extra innings.

Shotton will lead off with Rex Barney against the A's tomorrow and Rex will go "as far as he can." . . . Tommy Brown has a charleyhorse which has been aggravated by his playing in the last few games. . . . Carl Furillo has a sore arm in two places, his elbow and in his shoulder. . . . It's the first time it has ever happened to the Brooklyn outfielder in spring training. . . . The Saturday crowd fell below expectations. . . . Midweek game Wednesday drew twice today's figures.

The score:

PHILADELPHIA (A.L.)	ab	r	h	po	a
Joost ss	7	2	1	5	5
Valo lf	7	1	2	8	0
Fain 1b	6	2	3	13	0
Wright rf	3	2	3	2	0
Moses lf	3	0	1	3	0
Majeski 3b	6	1	1	1	2
Chapman cf	6	1	3	2	1
Rosar c	5	0	0	7	1
Suder 2b	7	0	0	3	7
Marchildon p	2	0	1	0	0
Kellner p	1	0	0	0	1
Scheib p	3	0	0	1	1
Blauman p	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	57	9	14	45	18

BROOKLYN (N. L.)	ab	r	h	po	a
Abrams rf	8	0	2	8	0
Reese ss	6	2	3	2	5
Snider cf	7	2	2	4	0
Robinson 2b	6	2	2	4	3
Hermanski lf	6	2	3	4	0
Cox 3b	6	0	3	1	4
Hodges 1b	7	0	1	18	0
Edwards c	5	0	0	3	1
§Miksis	0	0	0	0	0
Campanella c	0	0	0	1	0
Erskine p	1	0	1	0	0
Van Cuyk p	1	0	0	0	0
*Ramazzotti	1	0	0	0	0
Ramsdell p	1	0	0	0	0
†Rackley	1	0	0	0	0
Behrman p	1	0	0	0	1
‡Jorgensen	1	0	0	0	0
Haugstad p	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	58	8	17	45	17

*Grounded out for Van Cuyk in fifth.
†Flied out for Ramsdell in tenth.
‡Hit into double play for Behrman in fourteenth.
§Ran for Edwards in fourteenth.

Phila (A.L.)	2	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	9
Bklyn (NY)	4	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	8

Errors—Edwards, Erskine. Runs batted in—Wright 2, Majeski 2, Robinson 2, Cox 3, Chapman, Suder, Marchildon, Snider 2, Fain. Two-base hits—Chapman, Moses, Hodges, Reese. Three-base hit—Cox. Home runs—Robinson, Snider, Wright. Stolen base—Valo. Sacrifice—Moses. Double plays—Scheib, Joost and Suder; Cox and Hodges; Suder, Joost, and Fain. Left on bases—Philadelphia, 13; Brooklyn 13. Base on balls—Marchildon 2, Kellner 1, Scheib 2, Erskine 4, Van Cuyk 2, Ramsdell 2, Blauman 2. Hits—Marchildon, 7 in 3 innings; Kellner, 7 in 3; Scheib, 3 in 7; Blauman, 0 in 2; Erskine, 4 in 2; Van Cuyk, 1 in 3; Ramsdell, 3 in 5; Behrman, 4 in 4; Haugstad, 2 in 1. Winning pitcher—Blauman. Losing pitcher—Haugstad. Umpires—Conlan and Hurley. Time—3:45.

Dodgers Mass 6 Runs In 11th, Top Cubs by 8-5

Washington, D.C.

Chicago, May 17 (AP).—With Jackie Robinson scoring from second on a bunt and Roy Campanella hitting a two-run homer, the Brooklyn Dodgers scoed six runs in the eleventh inning today to whip the Chicago Cubs, 8-5.

Ralph Branca earned his sixth straight victory but the unbeaten Dodger ace was shelled from the box in the last of the eleventh by Andy Pafko's two-run homer. His replacement, Erv Palica, was nicked for a homer by Hank Edwards before he put down the uprising.

Branca had a shutout going to the eighth when Rookie Catcher Forrest (Woody(Burgess hit a two-run pinch homer. He had retired the Cubs in order, after Edwards singled to open the fourth, until Peanuts Lowrey started the eighth with a pinch single.

Robinson, who drove in the first two Brooklyn scores with a double and triple, led off the eleventh with a double off Bob Chipman, third Cub pitcher and eventual loser. When Gil Hodges beat out a bunt to stretch his consecutive game hitting streak to 18, Robinson dashed all the way home, beating the throw to the plate with a slide. That broke the tie and finished Chipman.

Jess Dobernic came in to retire one batter but Campanella hit his sixth homer over the pavilion wall into the street with a man on base. The final three runs came on singles by Eddies Miksis, Pee Wee Reese and Duke Snider, plus a walk, a passed ball and Miksis' second and third stolen bases of the game.

Catcher Bob Scheffing of the Cubs suffered a broken right thumb in the first inning when hit by a foul tip off Robinson's bat. He was replaced by Al Walker.

Brooklyn	AB	H	O	A	Chicago	AB	H	O	A
Reese,ss	5	2	2	4	H.W'ker,rf	5	0	1	0
Rackley,lf	2	1	1	0	Verban,2b	5	1	2	2
McC'ick,lf	2	0	0	0	C'rretta,1b	2	0	12	1
Snider,cf	6	2	3	0	Pafko,cf	5	1	2	0
Rob'on,2b	6	3	2	4	Edwards,lf	5	3	2	0
Hodges,1b	5	1	14	0	Scheffing,c	0	0	0	0
Furillo,rf	4	0	4	0	A.Walker,c	3	0	8	1
C'anella,c	5	2	5	0	Gustine,3b	5	2	3	4
Miksis,3b	5	3	2	2	Mauch,ss	2	0	2	3
Branca,p	4	0	0	2	aLowrey	1	1	0	0
Palica,p	0	0	0	0	R'zzotti,ss	2	0	1	1
					Dubiel,p	2	0	0	3
Totals	44	14	33	12	bBurgess	1	1	0	0
					Adkins,p	0	0	0	1
					Chipman,p	1	0	0	0
					Dobernic,p	0	0	0	0
					Lade,p	0	0	0	0
					Totals	41	9	33	16

aSingled for Mauch in eighth.
bHomered for Dubiel in eighth.

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Runs—Reese, Rackley, Snider, Robinson, Furillo, Campanella, Miksis, Branca, Verban, Pafko, Edwards Lowrey, Burgess. Errors—Mauch, Dubiel. Runs batted in—Robinson (2), Burgess (2), Campanella (2), Hodges, Reese, Snider (2), Pafko (2), Edwards. Two-base hits—Robinson (2). Three-base hit—Robinson. Home runs—Burgess, Campanella, Pafko, Edwards. Stolen bases—Snider, Miksis (3). Sacrifices—Furillo, Rackley. Double play—Miksis to Robinson to Hodges. Left on base—Brooklyn, 8; Chicago, 6. Base on balls—Branca, 3; Dubiel, 1; Adkins, 1; Dobernic, 1. Strikeouts—Branca, 4; Dubiel, 4; Adkins, 2; Chipman, 1. Hits—Dubiel, 7 in 8; Adkins, 1 in 1⅓; Chipman, 2 in ⅔; Dobernic, 3 in ⅓; Lade, 1 in ⅔; Branca, 7 in 10⅓; Palica, 2 in ⅔. Passed ball—A. Walker. Winner—Branca (6-0). Loser—Chipman (2-1). Umpires—Warneke, Stewart and Conlan. Time—2:41. Attendance—15,579.

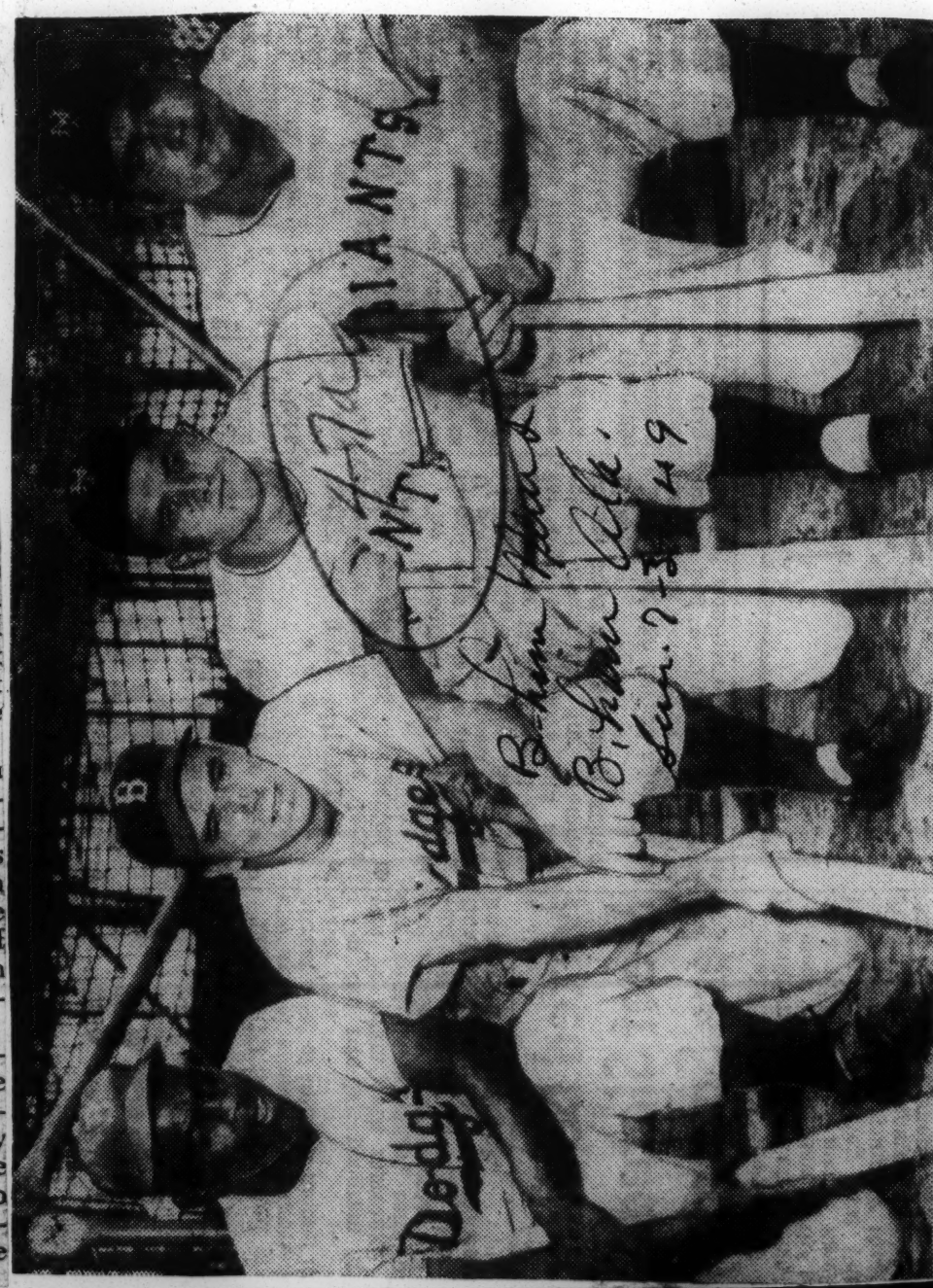
DODGERS AND YANKEES WIN

MIAMI, March 18 (UP).—Led by Cal Abrams, Brooklyn rookie outfielder, the Dodgers spoiled Johnny Sain's first start and belted the Braves for the second straight day, 6 to 0, before the largest crowd to ever see a baseball game in Miami today.

Abrams' four hits, including a three-run homer off Sain, the leading National League pitcher, partly appeased the 9,675 spectators who were disappointed when Jackie Robinson failed to play. The Negro star complained of a stiff neck following his collision with Sibby Sisti, Boston second baseman, in yesterday's game.

Sain worked five innings, yielding five runs, six hits and three walks in addition to hitting a batter. Three were collected by Abrams, who reached first base eight consecutive times over two days on six hits and two walks before he has struck out by rookie Bob Hall in the eighth.

The Dodgers again had good rookie pitching, permitting the National League champs only two singles. Both were delivered by Al Dark off Carl Ernskine in the third and Willard Ramsdell in the eighth. Jack Banta and Frank Laga also pitched, with the latter removed under a wild spell in the sixth.



QUARTET OF NATIONAL ALL-STARS GET TOGETHER — When the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants battled Saturday at the Polo Grounds a quartet of the National League All-Star game selectees were grouped for photographic purposes. Left to right, they are Jackie Robinson, Dodgers second baseman, Pee Wee Reese, Dodger shortstop, Willard Marshall, Giants outfielder, and Johnny Mize, Giants first baseman. The Dodgers won the game Saturday, 13-8. (Associated Press wirephoto.)

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Dodgers

3 Grambling College Pitching Prospects Signed by Brooklyn

By COLLIE J. NICHOLSON

GRAMBLING, La. (Special) — Three highly jubilant Grambling College athletes, Matthew Mack Hall, Jr., 23-year-old fireballer, Gussie Williams and Mackie Freeze, who constitute three-fourths of the pitching staff for Coach Lee Flentroy's Tigers, were signed to 1950 baseball contracts by the Brooklyn Dodgers here last week.

The youthful trio will join the Dodgers at their Vero Beach, Florida training site next spring from where they will likely be farmed out to Sheboygan of the Wisconsin State League as a unit.

Rickey OK's Deal

Branch Rickey, the Brooklyn Mahatma, who operated on the theory that the best plasma for stimulation at the box office is demoracy, gave his personal approval to the deal three weeks ago when he watched the young curveballers serve up an assortment of pitches at La Grave Field in Fort Worth, Texas.

A shrewd judge of baseball talent, the Dodger owner was so pleased with the collective abilities of the college stars that he personally sent them through their paces in a blazing 100 degree sun. Fresco Thompson, likeable first-aid man for the Brooks' productive farm system, whose baseball background includes 24 years as a player, manager, scout and field supervisor, assisted with the tryout — along with Bob Bragan, manager of the Fort Worth Cats of the Texas League; John Reeves, owner, and Robert T. Jones, business manager.

School Produces Stars

Grambling, a spawning ground for some of the nation's top athletes, where the national pastime is as much a fixture during the summer months as algebra and economics, has watched its products go into professional athletics in increasing numbers in recent years.

Earlier Paul "Tank" Younger, brilliant halfback, inked a professional contract calling for $6,000 to play football with the Los Angeles Rams. Legolian Moore, another alumnus, starred for the Harlem Globe Trotters during the basketball season.

Heralded as four-star alarm talent last season, Freeze, Hall and Williams are the products of a collegiate outfit which has won 120 of 137 games payed during the past three campaigns from college, semi-professional and professional clubs.

"Prince" Mack Hall, the most publicized member of the trio, has become something of a legend in "Dixie" diamond circles with his blazing fastball. He is a quiet, unassuming 205 pound lad who stands 6' 3" in his stocking feet and has a penchant for strikeouts. Last season he wiffed 310 batters in 19 games while winning 17 and losing 2.

Third Robinson Homer in 2 Games Helps Brooks Triumph Again, 8-6

Brown's 3 Hits Against Pirates Also Mark Dodger Rise to Within Length of Lead—Castiglione, Westlake, Kiner Connect

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Special to The New York Times.

PITTSBURGH, May 25—Manager Barney Shotton jolted his critics no little today by benching the Dodgers' star outfielder, Duke Snider, and inserting the almost forgotten youngster, Tommy Brown, in left field in order to present a solid right-hand hitting line-up against Southpaw Bill Werle.

The Pirates suffered an even harder jolt when Brown delivered three straight hits and Brooklyn eventually won the rather loosely played game, 8—6. That lifted the third-place Dodgers within one game of the league-leading Braves and only half a length back of the runner-up Giants.

Jackie Robinson, who had belted two last night, slammed his sixth homer of the campaign into Greenberg Gardens in the first inning. Brown, who had singled with two out, scored ahead of Robinson.

But Rex Barney, making his fourth unsuccessful start, threw an even more potent home run ball than Werle. Pete Castiglione, playing shortstop in place of Stan Rojek, clouted his first major league four-bagger to left in the first inning and in the third Barney departed when both Wally Westlake and Ralph Kiner hit for the circuit.

Westlake's No. 6, with Marv Rackley on base via a double to left, cleared the outer boundary in left field above the scoreboard. Kiner's No. 9, with none on base, went deep into the visiting bull pen section of Greenberg Gardens.

Hodges and Furillo Err

Long Jack Banta put down the uprising in the third and would have finished with no scoring against him except for astonishing errors by those normally impeccable fielders, Gil Hodges and Carl Furillo.

In the fourth inning Hodges muffed a throw from Eddie Miksis on Danny Murtaugh's grounder, with the batter reaching second. Eddie Fitz Gerald lined a single to right and Furillo, charging in to make his throw to the plate, let the ball go between his legs, with the result that both men scored. Robinson made a nice relay of Mike McCormick's throw but Umpire Art Gore waved Fitz safe at the plate.

Furillo, whose two-run single in the fourth had driven Werle to cover and put the Brooks ahead by 5—4, belted a 400-foot triple off George Muncrief almost to the exit gate in right center in the sixth. Roy Campanella delivered him with a solid single to left center.

Miksis sacrificed and Campanella moved on to third when Banta bounced out to the pitcher. Then Furillo scored on a wild throw by Muncrief.

Brown's single to right was his first hit in seven times at bat. Jackie Robinson, batting for Joe Hatten, walked, and Brown scored when Gene Mauch's throw to the plate was late.

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ered a move to request that Robinson come also. One source said a banquet honoring Robinson was even being planned if the Negro second baseman could make the trip.

In Miami, where the Dodgers play the Boston Red Sox in March, a city spokesman approved the game. Dr. Ralph B. Ferguson, baseball commission chairman, said, "They (Robinson and Campanella) are going to play . . . they will be playing another major league team and both the American and National Leagues use Negroes."

Robinson, discussing the KKK protest last night on his nightly sports broadcast over a New York radio station, said, "I will play baseball where my employer, the Brooklyn Dodgers, wants me to play.

"I don't know how far this objection can go, but I hope very much that fans in Atlanta, or all over America, will not allow this objection to cause a cancelation of the game."

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Jimmy Gaston, president of the Greenville, S. C., Spinners of the South Atlantic League, also approved an exhibition game against the Dodgers. "We should draw a fine crowd," he said.

Gov. Herman Talmadge of Georgia sidestepped the issue by referring it to Fulton County Solicitor Paul Webb. But Webb said he was unaware of any law covering such a situation.

A Dodger game with the Macon (Ga.) Peaches, also of the South Atlantic League, April 17, was indorsed by Mayor Lewis B. Wilson. City Attorney Ed Sell said he believed segregation laws in Georgia apply to audiences rather than to participants.

Brooklyn is slated to play its "B" team against Valdosta, Ga., a farm club, April 9-10 while the regulars are in Atlanta. But several Valdosta sportsmen consid-

OLMO HOMER IN 9TH DOWNS CHICAGO, 4-3

Four-Ply Blow Off Schmitz Decides After Dodgers Tie With Three in Eighth

CAMPANELLA DRIVE HELPS

Pinch Circuit Blast Follows Brown's Single—Banta Gains Triumph on the Mound

By LOUIS EFFRAT

A double-header was advertised at Ebbets Field yesterday and sincere and energetic attempts were made to squeeze in both Dodger-Cub games between the raindrops. This was not possible, but none among the 23,176 fans demanded a refund. For the one conflict completed was one of the season's best and resulted in a nerve-tingling 4-3 victory for Burt Shotton's Brooks.

Frankie Frisch had Southpaw Johnny Schmitz on the hill and the portsider had the Dodgers on the hook until an eighth-inning rally, featured by Roy Campanella's pinch two-run homer, enabled the home side to draw even. Then Luis Olmo, first up for Brooklyn in the ninth, won the game with a drive into the lower left-field stands, maintaining his club's length-and-a-half lead over the Cardinals.

Only one Dodger had reached second and Schmitz, long a Flatbush nemesis, had a 3-0, two-hit victory going for him when the Brooks came up in the eighth. It had been an exciting struggle, with both sides fielding sensationally, with defensive gems a dime a dozen. Nor was there any reason to suspect that the home side might avert a shutout, let alone win the ball game. Schmitz had been that effective.

Brown Starts the Rally

But the lefthander, gunning for his fifth triumph in a lukewarm season that has seen him lose six times, fell into trouble when Tom Brown opened the eighth with a single to left. Bruce Edwards fouled to Andy Pafko, but Campanella, batting for Carl Erskine, who joined the club from Fort Worth yesterday, and who relieved Ervy Palica in the sixth, smashed his thirteenth homer of the campaign.

Still one in front, the Cubs were not too downcast, but Emil Verban booted Peewee Reese's grounder and the Dodgers had a life.

A single to center by Billy Cox sent Reese to third and the faithful had their fingers crossed. The Brooks already had hit into three double-plays and another one in this spot would be ruinous.

Carl Furillo bounced one to Roy Smalley at short and though Cox was forced at second, there was no doubling the fleet Furillo at first. Thus, Reese was able to scamper home with the tying run. Jackie Robinson followed with a double, pushing Furillo to third, but Gil Hodges was thrown out by Smalley and the deadlock continued.

Luis' First 4-Bagger

Jack Banta held the Cubs at bay in the ninth and bagged his fourth conquest when Olmo, leading off for the Dodgers, hoisted Schmitz's second delivery into the lower leftfield stands. It was the first round-tripper for the Puerto Rican, who jumped to the Mexican League and recently was reinstated. With the Cards so far in front of the Giants at the Polo Grounds, it also was Olmo's most opportune wallop as a Dodger.

Palica, after twenty-four relief roles, was given his first starting assignment and was well-belted by the Chicagoans. Verban's single, Frank Baumholtz's triple and Phil Cavarretta's single accounted for two runs in the second. In the third Hank Sauer's sixteenth home run made it 3—0.

The afterpiece was halted with one out in the top of the second after the Dodgers had filled the bases and failed to tally against Bob Rush. Ralph Branca started for the Dodgers. Following a half-hour's wait, the umpires called it off on account of rain and darkness. The game immediately was rescheduled as part of a twin bill here on Aug. 25.

Polka-Dotted Infield

Eddie Durham and his ground crew merit commendation for making the infield playable after the rain. They sprinkled sand in a dozen muddy spots, giving the diamond a polka-dot effect.

There was nothing that could be done about the wet grass in the outfield and in foul territory. As a result, players were slipping and sliding throughout the afternoon.

Mickey Owen, former Dodger and another reinstated "jumper," caught the curtain-raiser for the Cubs. . . . One couldn't help wondering what Mickey said to Luis before and after the latter connected with his game-winning four-bagger.

SHARP RELIEF JOB BY PALICA WINS, 7-3

Dodgers Pull Ahead of Giants in 7th When Snider Triples and Robinson Hits Single

HERMANSKI SLAMS HOMER

Gordon Clouts His No. 16 for New York—Game Played in Rain After Long Delay

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Persistence in the face of adverse weather, plus the relief pitching of young Erv Palica and some timely hitting by Gene Hermanski, Duke Snider, Jackie Robinson, Carl Furillo and Peewee Reese, enabled the league-leading Dodgers to beat the Giants, 7—3, at Ebbets Field yesterday.

Rain delayed the start of the game 1 hour 32 minutes and continued to fall for most of the 2 hours 44 minutes of play. The result assured the Dodgers of continuing in first place over the three-day All-Star interim. However, their margin was reduced to a half-game over the Cardinals, who won twice.

Roe and Jones Start

Preacher Roe started for Brooklyn against Sheldon Jones. The left-handed Roe lasted when Robinson lined the first pitch

Snider. This strategy backfired when Olmo tried to bunt and fouled to Sid Gordon. However, Robinson beat out a bunt toward third to fill the bases, Reese scored on a wild pitch and, after Hodges had been purposely passed, Furillo lined deep to Whitey Lockman, scoring Hermanski.

The Giants counted first in the third on a single by Henry Thompson in the wake of Buddy Kerr's single and Jones' sacrifice. In their half the Dodgers knocked out Jones by tallying twice.

Roe walked on four pitches, Reese walked on a three-and-two pitch and after Hermanski had fanned Snider filled the sacks with a line single to right. Robinson singled to left for two runs and Jones was replaced by Hansen, who got out of the inning safely.

In the fourth the Giants took a 3-2 lead. Johnny Mize shot a long single off the right-field screen and Gordon whaled his sixteenth homer of the season well into the lower left field stands. Mon. 7-11-49

That ended the New York Giant attack, for Palica permitted only two men to reach first base in the last three innings. It was his fourth victory and his second over the Giants in eight days.

Ruling on Reese's Double

The ultimate ruling on Reese's double seemed to be that the ball had hit the railing and bounded back.

Roe had trouble in the sixth because of the rain. He had to get a towel from the dugout to wipe his hands and a moment later Art Gore, plate umpire, stopped the game and had buckets of sand taken to the mound because Roe complained of slipping when making his deliveries.

Among the 17,896 cash customers were eight busloads of fans from Bridgeport, Conn. Gov. Chester Bowles of Connecticut watched the game from a covered part of the stands.

All relief pitchers warmed up in the runway under the stands.

The box score:

NEW YORK (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Thomps'n, 2b	4	0	1	6	0	1
Lockman, lf	3	0	1	4	0	0
Thomson, cf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Mize, 1b	3	1	2	3	0	0
Gordon, 3b	3	1	1	2	1	0
Marshall, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
R. Mueller, c	2	0	0	4	0	0
aHaas	1	0	0	0	0	0
Westrum, c	1	0	1	2	0	1
Kerr, ss	3	1	1	0	3	0
bD. Mueller	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jones, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hansen, p	2	0	0	1	2	0
Behrman, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Koslo, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	31	3	7	24	6	2

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Reese, ss	4	2	1	2	3	0
Herm'ski, lf	3	2	1	3	0	0
Snider, cf	4	1	3	3	0	0
Olmo, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Robinson, 2b	5	1	3	4	5	0
Hodges, 1b	3	0	0	6	1	0
Furillo, rf	5	0	1	5	0	0
Cox, 3b	4	0	0	1	1	0
Edwards, c	1	0	0	2	0	0
Roe p	0	1	0	0	1	0
cRackley	1	0	0	0	0	0
Palica, p	1	0	0	1	0	0
Total	32	7	9	27	11	0

aGrounded out for R. Mueller in sixth.
bGrounded into double play for Kerr in ninth.
cSafe on error for Roe in sixth.

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Runs batted in—Thompson, Gordon 2, Robinson 4, Hermanski, Furillo 2. Three-base hit—Snider. Home runs—Gordon, Hermanski. Sacrifices—Jones, Roe, Hodges. Double plays—Cox, Robinson and Hodges; Robinson, Reese and Hodges. Left on bases—New York 5, Brooklyn 12. Bases on balls—Off Jones 3, Hansen 3, Behrman 2, Roe 2, Palica 1, Koslo 1. Struck out—By Jones 3, Hansen 1, Roe 1, Palica 1. Hits—Off Jones 3 in 2 1-3 innings, Hansen 4 in 4, Behrman 1 in 2-3, Koslo 1 in 1, Roe 6 in 6, Palica 1 in 3. Wild pitch—Koslo. Winner—Palica (4-3). Loser—Hansen (1-4). Umpires—Gore, Robb, Dascoli and Pinelli. Time of game—2:44. Attendance—17,896.

Baseball.

Dodger Homers Bury Reds, 11-5

Brown, Campanella, Robinson Connect

BROOKLYN, July 15—(AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers slaughtered the Cincinnati Reds, 11-5, today with Tommy Brown, Roy Campanella and Jackie Robinson pacing the onslaught with home runs. Big Don Newcombe toyed with the Reds throughout, granting 10 hits including a homer by Walker Cooper. The triumph was Newcombe's seventh against two defeats.

Score by innings:	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati .. 000 110 120—	5	10	1
Brooklyn .... 030 251 00x—11	10	0	

Raffensberger, Lively (5), Dobernic (7) and Cooper; Newcombe and Campanella. HRS—Cincinnati, Cooper; Brooklyn, Campanella, Brown, Robinson. LP—Raffensberger.

REDBIRDS TOPPLE BROOKLYN BY 14-1

Cards Gain Third Victory in Row at Ebbets Field and Lead Race by ½ Game

Mon. 7-26-49

POLLET MASTER ON MOUND

Chalks Up His 13th Triumph as Musial Hits for Cycle—Newcombe, Minner Routed

By LOUIS EFFRAT

Too terrible for 34,042 fans to endure, the third straight setback of the Dodgers by the Cardinals, a 14-1 convincer at Ebbets Field yesterday, caused a rearrangement atop the National League standings. For the first time in exactly a month first place does not belong to the Brooks and there are quite a few who insist that the panic is really on. Mon. 7-26-49

Less than a week ago, Bart Shotton's lads enjoyed a three-and-a-half-length lead over the Redbirds. At the moment, the Brooks are in second place, a half-game behind Eddie Dyer's steamroller. Unlike the first two meetings in this crucial series, yesterday's was "no contest" from the outset. So overpowering were the Cardinals behind Howie Pollet that many wondered how the Dodgers ever had achieved so big a lead.

Don Newcombe, the loser (and how!), Paul Minner and Carl Erskine were combed for a total of sixteen safeties, with Stan (The Man) Musial hitting for the cycle. Musial, retired only once, on a fly to center, collected a triple, single, homer and double and walked, in that order. He batted in four runs and carried three across the plate himself.

Pollet, notching his thirteenth victory of the campaign, never had to fret. Handed four runs before a Cardinal had been retired in the first, the stylish southpaw was able to coast after his mates had made it 10—0 in the top of the third. Nothing, of course, mattered after this. Not since the 16-0 rout by the Giants earlier in the year had the Dodgers been so humiliated.

Third Setback for Don

The Cards, gaining a tremendous psychological lift with this conquest, left nothing to the imagination as they teed off against the Brooklyn hurlers. Newcombe, suffering his third defeat, got no one out and before the left-handed Minner was able to stem the tide, St. Louis had a 4-run bulge.

Red Schoendienst led off with a single and Lou Klein followed suit, sending Schoendienst to third. Following a wild pitch that scored Schoendienst and advanced Klein, Musial tripled to make it 2—0. That was all for Newcombe. Minner rushed in and was greeted by Enos Slaughter's single and Ron Northey's double, accounting for two more points.

The third was even worse, from a Flatbush viewpoint. Eight hits, good for six runs, sewed up the decision. A triple by Glenn Nelson routed Minner and brought in Erskine, who went all the way. It was against Erskine in the fifth that Musial slammed his eighteenth homer of the season, an eye-opening wallop over the centerfield wall. Mon. 7-26-49

Having wasted a scoring opportunity in the first—two aboard and one out—the Dodgers reached Pollet for four hits in the third, but only one run resulted. Peewee Reese got his second of three safeties and stopped at second on a single to center by Billy Cox. Carl Furillo rammed into a double-play, Reese moving to third, whereupon Jackie Robinson singled home Reese. Gil Hodges followed with a two-bagger to left, moving Robby to third, but Luis Olmo flied to right, killing the rally.

Six Out of 11 for Stan

With one more game to go—an afternoon engagement today—this series has been, more or less, a personal triumph for Musial. The man has gathered six hits in eleven trips to the plate.

Because both clubs must catch early trains for the West, today's finale will be limited by time. No inning will be started after 4 P. M. With a 1:30 "kick-off" the teams will have two and a half hours at their disposal.

The spectators, third largest turnout of the Flatbush campaign at home, lost interest early and, everything considered, who could blame them? . . . To report that the Dodgers looked bad while losing would be putting it mildly. . . . Nippy Jones was side-lined by a sore knee. "One day's rest will do the boy a lot of good," Dyer said. . . . There was not a spectacular fielding play all day. Most of the St. Louis hits were clean and solid and the Dodgers presented few, if any, problems to the Cardinal defense.

Victory in today's wind-up is just about a "must" for the Brooks. Shotton is hopeful that Ralph Branca will snap the Cards' 5-game winning streak. Dyer will start Max Lanier.

The box score:

ST. LOUIS (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
S'dienst, 2b	5	1	1	4	3	0
Klein, 3b, ss	5	3	2	0	1	1
Musial, cf, rf	5	3	4	3	0	0
Sl'ghter, lf	6	2	3	2	0	0
Northey, rf	4	1	2	1	0	0
Diering, cf	1	0	1	0	0	0
Nelson, 1b	4	1	1	6	0	0
Marion, ss	4	0	1	2	3	0
Glar'no, 3b	1	0	0	1	0	0
Garagiola, c	5	1	0	8	0	0
Pollet, p	4	2	1	0	1	0
Total	44	14	16	27	8	1

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Reese, ss	4	1	2	2	0	0
Cox, 3b	4	0	1	0	1	0
Furillo, rf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Rob'son, 2b	4	0	2	4	2	1
Hodges, 1b	4	0	1	6	0	0
Olmo, cf	4	0	0	3	0	0
Brown, lf	3	0	1	3	1	0
Edwards, c	3	0	0	7	0	1
N'combe, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minner, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Erskine, p	2	0	0	0	0	0
aMiksis	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	34	1	8	27	4	2

aStruck out for Erskine in ninth.

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Runs batted in—Musial 4, Slaughter, Northey 2, Nelson, Marion, Klein, Robinson, Diering. Two-base hits—Northey, Slaughter, Hodges, Reese, Brown, Musial. Three-base hits—Musial, Nelson. Home run—Musial. Double plays—Marion, Schoendienst and Nelson; Pollet, Marion and Nelson. Left on bases—St. Louis 8, Brooklyn 9. Bases on balls—Off Pollet 3, Minner 1, Erskine 4. Struck out—By Pollet 5, Erskine 5. Hits—Off Newcombe 3 in 0 innings (none out in first), Minner 5 in 2 (none out in third), Erskine 8 in 7. Wild pitch—Newcombe. Passed ball—Edwards. Winner—Pollet (13—5). Loser—Newcombe (7—3). Umpires—Pinelli, Gore, Robb and Dascoli. Time of game—2:32. Attendance—34,042.

Robinson Steals Home For Bums' First Run

Atlanta Daily World
Atlanta Georgia - Tues 4-12-49

By JOEL W. SMITH

Jackie Robinson gave a record-breaking crowd of 25,221 cash customers the thrill-of-a-life time by stealing home for the Bum's first run, as the Atlanta Crackers defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers, 8-4, in the "rubber game" of their history-making exhibition series, played Sunday afternoon, at Ponce de Leon Park.

This overflow crowd, which included 13,885 Negroes, erased the attendance record of 21,642 set by the New York Yankees and Atlanta Crackers back in 1946. Every seat in the park was occupied long before game time and the fans made a semi-circle around the outer-garden from the left-field to the right-field bleachers.

ROBINSON DOUBLES
IN SECOND INNING

The Crackers went ahead, 2-0 in the first on Jack Hollis' single, Dusty" Morgan's infield hit and a ground-rule double by Al Flair. Robinson toook a short throw from Bill Hodges and trapped Flair between third and home. Leading-off for the Dodgers in the second, Robinson lashed a long drive to left-field for a ground-rule double, went to third on a single by Billy Cox which Larry Drake lost in the sun, then stole home for Brooklyn's first score of the game.

Carl Erskine, the Brooklyn starter, walked Manager Cliff Dapper in the second and was touched for

singles by Norman Brown, crack- hurler and Hollis before being lieved by Willard Ramsdell. h Brown greeted Ramsdell with two-bagger to increase the Crack- lead to 5-1.

The Crackers added another marker in the third. Robinson open the fourth with a single, ad- on Carl Furillo's line single ight-field scored the Dodger's cond run after Cox popped to Gearhart in left-center. Jack ta, who replaced Ramsdell when ran into trouble in the third up two runs in the fourth and blanked the Crackers the rest the way.

INSON SPARKLES
TWO DOUBLE PLAYS

fter hitting into a double play on third trip to the plate, Robin- participated in two lightning plays. He was pivot-man in a double play in the fifth, (third-second-first) and started another in the seventh, (second-short-first) The Dodgers pushed over single runs in the seventh and eighth on singles by Cal Abrams, Duke Snider, Furillo and a ground-rule double by Cox.

Carl Furillo, Norman Brown and Larry Drake shared batting honors with three hits apiece. Norman Brown, who went the distance for the Crackers scattered 10 hits, while his mates collected 12 hits off Erskine, Ramsdell, and Banta. Banta was lifted for Gene Hermanski, a pinch-hitter in the eighth and Clarence Podbielan finished the game for Brooklyn.

Robinson sustained a hand injury sliding into 3rd in 4th but remained in the game after getting First Aid treatment in the Brooklyn dugout. Ralph Brown hit by Ramsdell, who was trying to pick him off 2nd left the game. Duke Snider was chased for protesting an umpire's decision in the sixth.

Roy Campanella, who worked behind the plate for the Dodgers in the opener, Friday night, did not play Sunday but kept the Brooklyn hurlers warm between innings.

BOX SCORE

Third Game

BROOKLYN	AB	R	H
Abrams, lf	5	1	2
Jorgensen, 3b	4	0	0
Snider, cf	2	0	0
McCormick, cf	2	0	1
Robinson, 2b	4	2	2
Furillo, rf	4	1	3
Cox, ss	4	0	2
Conners, 1b	3	0	0
Hodges, c	3	0	0
Erskine, p	1	0	0
Ramsdell, p	0	0	0
Banta, p	3	0	0
Pedbielan, p	0	0	0
Hermanski	1	0	0
TOTALS	36	4	10

ATLANTA	AB	R	H
Hollis, 2b	4	2	2
Morgan, 3b	4	1	1
R. Brown, cf	2	0	1
Woodall, lf	3	0	0
Flair, 1b	4	1	1
Drake, rf	4	1	3
Gearhart, lf-cf	4	1	0
Verble, ss	4	0	1
Dapper, c	1	1	0
N. Brown, p	4	1	3
TOTALS	34	8	12

DODGERS IN GAME WITH THE BRAVES

N.Y. Times

Brooks Get Run Off Potter in Third Frame of Night Encounter at Boston

Nat. 8-20-49

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BOSTON, Aug. 19—With a three-game losing streak bearing heavily upon their collective shoulders the Dodgers faced the Braves under the lights tonight before a crowd of 25,000.

The Dodgers led, 4—0, after seven and one-half innings.

The "new" Braves as local writers call them since Billy Southworth retired to his Sunbury, Ohio, home to let Johnny Cooney manage the club, had beaten the Brooks seven times in a dozen meetings this season, and Nelson Potter, with two triumphs over them, was Cooney's starter.

Joe Hatten, with three victories and no setbacks against the Braves, went to the mound for Barney Shotton. Joe's over-all record was 11 and 6, while Potter's season mark was 6 and 7.

The weather was much more in keeping with kick-off time than baseball, with a chill breeze sweeping across the field. Gene Hermanski had been slated to start in left field but at the last minute had to be "scratched" in favor of Marv Rackley.

Double Play Spoils Rally

The Brooks broke into the scoring column in the third but not too impressively, getting only one run out of a situation that promised more. Peewee Reese opened with a single through the left side and Rackley beat out a perfect bunt to Elliott. When Bob threw to first Reese kept right on going and made third safely.

Reese scored as Duke Snider was grounding into an easy double play, Dark to Fletcher. Then Jackie Robinson, after drawing a pass, was thrown out trying to steal second.

Some fine bunting by Rackley, Snider and Robinson paved the way for two more Brooklyn runs in the sixth. Rackley opened with a drag bunt for a hit, Snider beat out another between the mound and third base and Robby's bunt down the third base line went for a sacrifice.

Jorgensen was purposely passed, filling the bases, and Rackley scored as Jorgy was being forced on Hodges' grounder to Elliott, the Braves missing the double play. Furillo cracked a single just out of Dark's reach to left center, scoring Snider. The inning ended with Campanella grounding to Elliott.

Hatten set the Braves down in order in their half, making eleven in a row he had retired.

Campanella in Line-Up

Campanella was back in action for the first time since pulling a muscle in his side on Aug. 11. Asked before the game if his side was allr ight, Campy grinned and replied: "I hope so."

Hodgers really made second base on Holmes' throw to third after Gil's single in the second but overslid the bag. Dascoli first had called him safe, then waved him out.

John L. Smith, vice president and treasurer of the Dodgers, and Branch Rickey Jr. appeared in a box behind the Brooklyn dugout shortly after the game started. Rickey Sr. wasn't in sight, but the Mahatma was in the ball park somewhere.

The line-up:

BROOKLYN (N.)	BOSTON (N.)
Reese, ss	Stanky, 2b
Rackley, lf	Fletcher, 1b
Snider, cf	Russell, cf
Robinson, 2b	Elliott, 3b
Jorgensen, 3b	Heath, lf
Hodges, 1b	Holmes, rf
Furillo, rf	Dark, ss
Campanella, c	Crandall, c
Hatten, p	Potter, p

Umpires—Reardon, Jorda, Dascoli and Goetz.

Atlanta Crackers Win Two Out Of Three From Brooklyn Dodgers

Atlanta Daily World
Atlanta Georgia

By MARION E. JACKSON

The Atlanta Crackers defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers two out of three games during a history-making series in Ponce De Leon Park, in which Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella played to inaugurate interracial baseball in the Gate City.

Brooklyn won the opening game of 15,119 which the Crackers and Friday night 6-3, then dropped two the N. Y. Yankees set back in 1946. Sunday encounters 9-1 and 8-4 No estimate of the number of Negro fans in attendance for the first crowd of 15,119 saw the opening two games was kept, but the final game, Saturday's game attracted day saw 13,885 pouring through the 1949 and the largest crowd in At- turnstiles. This record-shattering lanta's baseball history--25,221 spec- throng roared their approval of evtators was on hand for the colored

Second Baseman Jack Hollis the next, and on his third chance Dick Hoover gave him an intentional pass. Saturday Jackie Robinson went hitless but played corking good ball afield.

Sunday, Jackie as the first man up for Brooklyn led off with a ground rule double, for the Dodgers' first hit of the game. He went to third on Carl Furillo's fly and scored on a double steal with Billy Cox.

SMASHED A SINGLE

On his second time at bat, with two strikes and three balls credited against him, Jackie smashed a single through the box into center-field for a base hit. He came home later on Cox' long fly to center-field.

Jackie got two hits and two runs. Campanella came in occasionally for warmup chores.

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tops of signboards, stood six-deep on an idle box car on the railroad tracks outside the park, and many hundreds hugged the hillside. Other spectators formed a half-moon around the centerfield and overflowed the bleachers. Fans watched from every possible vantage point in the park.

Campy Outhits Jackie, Stars For Dodgers

By RUSS J. COWANS

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Although the Brooklyn Dodgers faded in the world series and lost to the New York Yankees, four games to one, the three Negroes on the team each participated in new records.

Jackie Robinson, Don Newcombe and Roy Campanella may soon yield their exclusive places in the records books, but what they did in the 1949 series was history—more than 50 years in the making.

It was the first time three Negroes ever played in the world series, and it was the first time a Negro played in more than one world series.

DON NEWCOMBE'S brimming eyes after he lost first game of world series tell complete story of how he and Dodgers teammates felt.

Don Newcombe, 23-year-old rookie, was the first Negro ever to start a world series game—and he started two. He was also the first Negro to lose a world series game. His receiver, Roy Campanella, the outstanding defensive player of the series, completed the first Negro battery to work in a series.

With Jackie Robinson in the lineup, playing in his second series, the trio made a third of the Brooklyn team, and was the largest number ever in one world series game. Newcombe came within two strikeouts of the all-time record, when baseball fan, and of course her favorite team is the Brooklyn Dodgers.

We asked her how she felt about the outcome of the series. Her answer was that she was confident her team would win, but that she had been praying for Jackie to hit the ball harder. She referred specifically to the 400 belt off Allie Reynolds which Joe DiMaggio pulled down on opening day.

Mrs. Robinson talked to Jackie [illegible] on Sunday night (the night after the season's end).

"He assured me," Mrs. Robinson said, "that the Brooklyn boys were going to try hard to win. In fact he expressed the opinion that the games were 'sewn up'."

"Were you praying for Jackie during the Series?" Mrs. Robinson, a devout Christian, was asked.

"I pray for him all of the time," she replied. "It doesn't take a World Series to make me pray for him."

While a portion of the Robinson family was in attendance at the games in New York, Mrs. Robinson—who saw the 1947 series between the Yanks and Dodgers—remained here to care for her grandchildren. Little Gretchen, Jackie's niece was so excited about the games that she didn't want to leave for school in the mornings without knowing how the Dodgers had fared.

Among those at the series were Mrs. Willa Mae Walker, Jackie's sister, and Charles and Raymond Isum, his brothers-in-law. They flew to New York.

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Dodgers

Schmitz Beats Dodgers Again

The Courier-Journal Louisville, Ky.

6-0 Loss to Last-Place Cubs Is Severe Blow to Flag Hopes

7-27-49 wed

Chicago, July 26 (AP)—Johnny Schmitz, who specializes in beating Brooklyn, did it again today with a seven-hit, 6-0, victory for the last-place Chicago Cubs. It was the Dodgers' fourth straight loss, a new season high.

Three first-inning runs off Joe Hatten were more than enough for Schmitz who has pitched each of Chicago's three wins in 13 meetings with Brooklyn.

Coming on the heels of the disastrous St. Louis series, the loss was a severe blow to the Dodgers' penant hopes at the start of their third western trip.

Singles by Frank Gustine, Frank Baumholtz and Andy Pafko, a fly ball and Roy Smalley's double rocked Hatten in the first. He was knocked out in the third when, with two out, Pafko doubled and Smalley tripled.

Jack Banta and Carl Erskine finished up with Erskine yielding the final two runs in the eighth after two were out. Smalley's third hit, a single and Mickey Owen's double did the damage.

wed 7-27-49

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Furillo r	4	0	2	1	Baumh'z r	4	2	1	0
Robinson 2	4	3	0	1	Sauer l	3	0	6	0
Hodges 1b	3	0	7	1	Pafko 3	4	2	0	2
Olmo m	4	0	3	0	Smalley s	4	3	1	7
Brown l	3	1	3	0	Reich 1b	4	1	12	0
Campan'a c	2	0	5	0	Owen c	4	1	4	0
Edwards c	1	0	1	0	Schmitz p	4	1	0	2
Hatten p	1	1	1	0	Totals	35	11	27	14
Banta p	1	0	0	1					
*Miksis	1	0	0	0					
Erskine p	0	0	0	1					
Totals	32	7	24	9					

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E—Reese, Campanella. RBI—Sauer, Pafko, Smalley 2, Owen 2. 2BH—Pafko, Schmitz, Smalley, Cox, Owen. 3BH—Smalley. SB—Baumholtz 2. DP—Gustine, Smalley and Reich. LOB—Brooklyn 6, Chicago 6. BB—Off Banta 1, Schmitz 1. SO—By Hatten 2, Banta 3, Schmitz 2. HBP—Off Hatten 6 in 2⅔, Banta 2 in 4⅓, Erskine 3 in 1. WP—Schmitz 6-7). LP—Hatten (8-6).

Jackie Robinson was the only consistent Dodger hitter but his three singles came with nobody on base. The Brooks' only real threat to Schmitz' sixth victory came in the eighth when Pee Wee Reese singled and Billy Cox doubled with two out. Schmitz made Carl Furillo ground to short. wed 7-27-49

A fine weekday crowd of 32,872 saw the game.

Dodgers' Rally in Eighth Overcomes Pirates, 8 to 6

The Times Dem York N.Y.

By LOUIS EFFRAT

With Jackie Robinson sparking the winning rally, the Dodgers tallied twice in the home half of the eighth, breaking the tie and wrapping up an exciting 8-6 victory over the last-place Pirates before 18,352 fans at Ebbets Field yesterday. Robinson, the goat a few minutes earlier, wound up the hero, and Jack Banta, fourth Brooklyn hurler, bagged his third triumph of the year. The Times

It was with a feeling of guilt that Robinson strode to the plate, leading off the Dodger eighth. For Jackie's poor throw on the pivot end of a certain double-play had permitted the Pirates to draw even in the visitors' half of the frame. Ordinarily, official scorers do not presuppose a double-play but in this instance, Robinson's error was so flagrant, it had to be charged against him. Sun 5-5-49

Bob Muncrief, subsequently the Pittsburgh loser, was on the hill. He got two strikes against Robinson, but the Brooklyn ace promptly slashed a single to center. Then came an amazing maneuver. Gil Hodges, who had walloped an earlier 2-run homer, sacrificed and as Muncrief fielded the bunt, tossing to Ed Stevens at first, Robinson sped all the way around to third.

Many fans will say that they "saw Ty Cobb do it," but that is not the point. Pertinent is the fact that the Dodgers, battling as they are for the flag, have a man who can go from first to third on a bunt. Robinson proved he could in his first season with the Brooks, but this one was, indeed, an opportune, if risky endeavor, with which he atoned for his earlier misplay.

Anyway, there was Robinson on third—the Pittsburgh infield had been caught flatfooted with the hot corner unprotected until Pete Castiglione awoke too late—the issue deadlocked and only one out.

Carl Furillo followed with a screaming single that pushed home Robby. Before the inning ended, Ed Miksis slammed a two-bagger that scored Furillo, but Robinson's run was really the big one.

The Dodgers, having spotted the Corsairs a run in the first and two the third, when Rex Barney, the starter, was routed again, tied it in the fourth. Tom Brown was safe on a 2-base error by Castiglione, whereupon Robinson's triple to right broke the ice for Brooklyn. Immediately, Hodges propelled his sixth homer of the year, a drive into the lower stands in left, and it was a 3-3 ball game.

Southpaw Bill Werle, Pittsburgh starter, who was hurt by these three unearned markers, fell behind in the seventh as Hodges' double, Furillo's single, Bruce Edwards' double and Peewee Reese's single produced three more runs. Murry Dickson and Cliff Chambers followed the left-hander before the rally was killed.

During this flare-up Erv Palica, who had been on first on a pass, went from first to third on Reese's single to left. Palica slid in safely, but in doing so jammed his right ankle into the bag and had to be carried off on a stretcher. It developed, fortunately, that Palica suffered no fracture or sprain.

Sun 5-5-49

Newcombe Goes to Hill

Don Newcombe replaced Palica on the mound, and in time fell into straits. Stevens, who was not retired all day, opened with a single and pinch-hitter Marv Rackley followed suit.

Ed Fitz Gerald rolled to first, but Les Fleming, batting for Chambers, came through with a triple just over the 395-foot marker on the center field exit gate. Bob Chesnes then ran for Fleming as Banta relieved Newcombe.

Stan Rojek walked and when Castiglione bounced to Reese, it looked like a sure double-play.

Reese scooped up the ball and flipped to Robinson, who stepped on second for the force. There was no pressure on the middle man as he pivoted and fired toward Hodges, but his throw hit the dirt and Gil was unable to come up with it cleanly. Thus Chesnes crossed the plate with the tying point.

Banta escaped there and the Brooks, led by Robinson, clinched matters a few minutes later. Stevens, getting his third hit of the game, singled with two out in the ninth, but Banta struck out Danny Murtaugh and it was the end.

Barney yielded successive opening singles to Rojek, Castiglione and Dixie Walker for the first Pittsburgh run in the initial stanza. In the third, Walker, after getting a life when Edwards dropped his foul, walked, as did Ralph Kiner. Wally Westlake bunted, but Hodges made a fine play to force Walker at third. Then Stevens rapped a double, good for two runs.

10 Hits for Each Side

Pittsburgh, suffering its ninth defeat in eleven contests, used sixteen players, one more than Barney Shotton employed for the Dodgers. Each side got ten hits, by the way.

Rackley, the bargain buy from the Dodgers, is not currently a Pittsburgh regular. He is plagued by a sore arm and Billy Meyer is peeved, too, because Rackley informed him that he had the trouble throughout spring training with the Dodgers. Sun 5-5-49

The Corsairs are in the market for an outfield replacement. General Manager Roy Hamey was in town, awaiting the arrival of President Frank McKinney, who was due last night to discuss a deal.

A year ago at this time, Hodges had only two home runs . . . Reese played bang-up ball at short. His play to retire Fitzgerald in the second was a stand-out . . . Billy Cox still is a long way from resuming action. A sprained ankle continues to bother the infielder.

Larry Doby Joins Jackie in Gala Big League Show

Roy Campanella Virtually Certain to Get Alternate Call as N.L. Catcher

By SAM LACY, AFRO Sports Editor

BROOKLYN—Three colored stars— not just one— will be seen in action here Tuesday afternoon when the annual Major League All-Star game is contested at Ebbets Field, home of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Jackie Robinson will be a starter, Robbie will be joined by Larry Doby, outfielder of the Cleveland Indians, and quite likely by Roy Campanella, catcher for the Nationals.

Manager Billy Southworth in all star show. He is Don Newcombe, probability will nominate Cam- who has been one of the senior panella as the alternate for the loop's most-talkd-about pitchers Philadelphia Phillies' Andy Semi- in recent weeks. nick. Campanella was second to Seminick in the fans' voting and, accordingly, is due the honor.

Newcombe Possibility

All-Star team managers in the past have, in most instances, have named the runner-up catcher as the alternate. Usually, he sees action in the second half of the contest.

Newcombe shares with Ralph Branca the role of "ace" on the league-leading Dodger staff. But in his last three starts, National League officials may consider Newcombe a better risk. And they're quite anxious to win because it means saving face in the matter of persistent trimmings by the Americans.

A record total of 4,637,743 fans — colored and white — engaged in the balloting. Robinson collected 1,891,212 and led all other players in the National League in this respect. 7-27-49

The Brooklyn second baseman was second only to Ted Williams, Red Sox, in the voting. The Beantown splinter pulled 2,087,446 votes in the nationwide tally.

A total of 527 newspapers, radio stations and magazines aided the AFRO was one of these.

The starting lineups for the two All-Star teams will be announced Sunday night by Manager Lou Boudreau. Boudreau, as manager of the American League champions in 1948, will be at the helm of the picked squad for Tuesday.

Campy Too, Maybe

The selection of Doby as an all-star garden trio of Ted Williams, Dom DiMaggio and Tommy Henrich, marks the developments of the week end, disclosed that even a possibility that Campanella a Chicago Tribune in its poll. The fourth colored player will break into the all-star lineup for the National League for the first time.

Frick to forward Boston Red Sox, in the voting, he has announcements to withhold any information pertaining to its identity until July 7.

With Robinson and Doby already chosen, and Campanella a strong likelihood, there is also the AFRO was one of these. The starting lineups for the two teams will be:

NATIONAL LEAGUE — Johnny

Mize, N.Y. Giants, 1b; Robinson, 2b; Eddie Kazak, St. Louis Cardinals, 3b; Harold (Pee Wee) Reese, Brooklyn, ss; Seminick, c, and Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh Pirates; Stan Musial, St. Louis Cardinals, and Willard Marshall, Giants, outfielders.

AMERICAN LEAGUE — Eddie Robinson, Washington Senators, 1b; Cass Michaels, Chicago White Sox, 2b; George Kell, Detroit Tigers, 3b; Eddie Joost, Philadelphia Athletics, ss; George Tebbetts, Boston Red Sox, c; and Williams, Henrich, and D. DiMaggio outfielders.

Yankee Pitching Thwarts Bums in 5th Quest of World Series Gold, Glory

(Afro American, Bal. 10-13-49 Baltimore Md.)

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By SAM LACY, AFRO Sports Editor

BROOKLYN—The Dodgers reached the end of their World Series trail Sunday, dropping a 10-6 verdict to the New York Yankees before 33,711 paid customers at Ebbets Field.

The victory gave the Yankees the series in five games, and it marked the fifth time a Bum entry has gone to the post only to finish as an "also ran." Previous Flatbush pennant winners had been the Dodgers of 1916, 1920, 1941 and 1947. None has ever captured the classic playoff.

Unquestionable, the 1949 story is one of relief pitching, particularly as it pertains to the New Yorkers' triumph. The differance between the two league champions rested in the throwing arms of the Yankees' Joe Page and Allie Reynolds.

Manager Barney Shotton had nothing in his Brooklyn bullpen to match the wizardry of these two mainstays of Casey Stengel. Page saved two games for the Yanks, Reynolds saved one and won another.

Newcombe Loses Heartbreaker

The series opener went to the Bronx Bombers who, in the first three games at least, looked like anything but a counterpart of the teams which had won the Yanks that "Bomber" label in years back.

It was the 1-0 decision for which Don Newcombe was nicked at the Stadium last Wednesday, the first of two one-run shutouts. Brooklyn, behind Preacher Roe, took the Thursday clash by the same identical 1-0 margin.

Newcombe's opening loss in a pitching duel with the Yankees' Allie Reynolds through the medium of a ninth inning home-run by Tommy Henrich.

The ex-Negro National Leaguer limited the Yanks to but four hits aside from Henrich's telling blow. He struck out eleven, just two short of the all-time series record set by Howard Ehmke, of the Athletics, 20 years ago. And he walked none.

Tough for Either Loser

Truth of the matter, however, is that it would probably have been a bigger blow to Reynolds had he been the loser. The Yankee hurler gave up only two hits to the Dodgers and fanned nine. One of these hits was a freak double by Spider Jorgensen, and in every case where the Dodgers threw up a threat, the Yankee ace was equal to the task of spiking it.

Preacher Roe, the Bums' southpaw ace, came back in the second game to match Big Don's masterpiece. Only he was able to make it stick, largely because of the brilliant base-running of Jackie Robinson.

The Dodger second baseman opened the second inning of the contest with a ringing double to the leftfield corner. And when Gene Hermanski lifted a pop foul near the field boxes behind first base, Robbie took advantage of Jerry Coleman's back-to-the-diamond catch and tagged up.

Inconsolable at the conclusion of Wednesday's heart-breaking loss to the New York Yankees, Don Newcombe had apparently slept off his woes when he met the writer at breakfast the day after his first World Series experience.

Big Don joined the AFRO reporter shortly after 10 o'clock Thursday morning, accompanied by his father, Roland Newcombe, and the youngest of his three brothers, Norman.

Some eighteen hours earlier, Newcombe had been sitting in a daze in front of his locker in the stadium dressing room. While he said nothing voluntarily, spoke only in answer to questions, it was clear the big fellow was engaged in a terrific emotional battle within himself.

From all appearances, Tommy Henrich's home-run had not only broken up the opening ball game; it had also broken Don's heart.

But that was over now. The deep hurt had been nudged away by Morpheus and he could discuss the game rationally.

"That Allie really pitched a swell ball game, didn't he?" Don began without a prompt from me and ignoring his own star-spangled job.

"He had his curve breaking beautifully and was throwing it right where he wanted it."

"You didn't do so badly yourself," I observed. "Did you realize you were so near the series strikeout record?"

"Not until I was back in the clubhouse," Don replied. "Some reporter told me. I guess I wasn't very polite to them and they were trying to work up a conversation. Right then, I wasn't in any mood for talk and I'm sorry.

"Since I've had chance to think it over, now I feel a lot better.

"You see I realize it would have been tougher for Allie to have lost that one. He pitched two-hit ball and one of those we got was Jorgy's fluke that got by Lindell.

"Maybe it was a hard one for me to lose, but it would have been harder for the other guy.

"As far as the World Series goes, and losing it, I guess it isn't the worst thing that could happen to me. I could lose two, or even three.

"And if I lose two, it's still my first year in the majors and I may get more chances. Look at (Bob) Feller. He waited ten years to make his first World Series, and then lost two."

Proving That Talent Knows No Race, Creed

(New York Age 23, 10-1-49)

By TED CARROLL

Almost lost in the general hullabaloo over the nerve-wracking pennant sorambles and the World Series is the realization that for the third successive year a team including colored players has come down in front in one of the league races. It seems like ages ago but it was just three short years back when the inclusion of Jackie Robinson into the Brooklyn lineup was the foremost topic of the day.

Everyone eagerly awaited the results of the great experiment. It had taken all of 50 years for this momentous move to come about. During this half century the barrier had been impenetrable. In support of this unlamented "unwritten law of baseball' one great argument had always been advanced.

Would Hurt Morale

That was this, that the admittance of Negro players to big league teams with the resultant close contact with other players, many from the South, would have a shattering effect on team morale. Friction would inevitably result, it was claimed, and no ball club could be expected to be successful under such adverse conditions.

This sounds ridiculous today. Of course it was silly in view of the accomplishments of mixed teams in colleges and clubs. In spite of this evidence to the contrary, many people actually fell for the baseless argument presented by baseball's controlling powers.

A public support that was almost fanatical rallied around the Brooklyn Dodgers. The team, sparked by Robinson, generated a never-say-die spirit that carried them right on through to the 1947 pennant and a last ditch fight against the much superior New York Yankees in the World Series.

Colorful Bill Veeck wasted no time in initiating colored players into the American League, as members of his Cleveland Indians. Over 2 years had slipped by since the Indians won a pennant. With Larry Doby attaining regular status and the remarkable Satchel Paige coming up with some incredible relief pitching, the Clevelanders came down to the wire all even with the Boston Red Sox and then beat the Bostonians in a 1948 play-off.

3rd Year In A Row

What happened during the 1948 season is too fresh in everybody's mind for any rehashing. But here we have for the third successive year one of the two teams who led in integrating Negro players, playing in the World Series. The conclusion here seems to be obvious. The inclusion of Negro players has not only heightened team spirit and solidified public support, but has apparently added to the abilities of their fellow players. It has been observed before that Negro and white players on the same teams tend to inspire each other. In view of the experience of major league baseball this seems to be the case.

Associated Press

COMPLAINANT: Fred Boysen (left) appears in Upper Manhattan Magistrates' Court charging simple assault against Leo Durocher, manager of the Giants. With him is his attorney, Ben Chasin. Boysen alleges that Durocher beat and kicked him after a game at the Polo Grounds April 28

Durocher (Fred Boysen--Case)

AS DUROCHER WAS REINSTATED BY CHANDLER YESTERDAY

The New York Giants' manager (center) after the hearing in the office of the Commissioner in Cincinnati. With him are Eddie Brannick, left, secretary of the club, and President Horace Stoneham.

WESTBROOK PEGLER

The Furor Over the Durocher Case

If the man who claimed that Leo Durocher knocked him down and kicked him had been a white man, there would have been no "case" at all in the latest embroilment of the inveterate mucker who personifies so much that sportsmanship abhors and yet seems indispensable to major league baseball.

In disposing of the episode, Happy Chandler, the czar of the baseball industry, explained that Durocher was suspended for "preventive" reasons and not as punishment. In plainer words, Chandler was afraid of a race riot in Harlem, where the Polo Grounds now is a green island in a Negro neighborhood, which might have been followed by other commotions in Washington and on the South Side of Chicago, where the Senators and the White Sox play their home games in similar surroundings. In fact, Chandler attempted to justify his punishment of a man who, in this case, happened to be innocent, and did, to some extent, justify the suspension by explaining that several prominent Negroes had immediately demanded action against Durocher.

One of the individuals mentioned, though apparently beloved of many theatrical persons and some professional athletes, is no authority on the finer issues involved and would seem to have acted from that bigotry and arrogance which not always, but too often, have become the special privilege of underprivileged "minorities." This temptation should be resisted in the interests of peace and domestic security by all those who enjoy the arbitrary status of "prominent representative" of this or that group. They should make special efforts to be fair.

Although Chandler was wrong in the legalistic sense in taking Durocher away from his ball club and depriving the Giants of an asset of immeasurable value which his presence is supposed to confer, nevertheless he was right in deciding to forefend violence by disorderly Negroes who might nave been stimulated to touch off one or more disasters.

A boy threw a stone at another boy to start the terrible Chicago riot. The loss to the Giants certainly was petty by comparison with the possibilities which Chandler undoubtedly had in mind. And Durocher had contributed to his own trouble by the misconduct which over many years had earned him a bad reputation.

The profession of journalism earned no glory in covering this incident, for the public learned only by seepage and deduction, and only after several days, that the queasy euphemisms, "Puerto Rican" and "a fan of Puerto Rican descent," were code intimations intended to convey simple information which was legitimate news that all the people, white and colored, had a right to. There is no taint of dishonor in the word, and colored men of good character are proud to be Negroes. And it is no more a reflection on the race to say that an ill-behaved individual is a Negro than it is a reflection on the Caucasians to say that Hitler was a white man. Nevertheless, many newspapers, in a timid surrender to "pressure," and now, apparently, some press associations, too, have defaulted their duty in deciding not to use the word as a description of wanted criminals.

In this dangerous episode the whole story lay in the fact that the fellow described as a "Puerto Rican" had gone to the ground making a dramatic pretense of mistreatment and injury at the hands of a white man in a Negro neighborhood with an overplus of low saloons and other dives and the trash that frequent them. Every respectable Harlem Negro knows and will freely admit that the decent colored people of the region suffer badly from the criminal element, which is out of proportion to the total population by comparison with white neighborhoods.

The sudden emotional furor in favor of Durocher merely because, for once, he was innocent is misleading. He earned his bad reputation, and his restraint this year is contrary to his character and probably will not last. The Yankees released him and the other clubs were strangely willing to let him get out of the American League early in his career on the pretext that he couldn't hit American League pitching. This pitching was no better or worse than National League pitching and the true reason why the American League let go one of the best infielders of his time was a clubhouse secret not too closely held.

Nevertheless, Chandler was right in ordering the Giants, and other clubs, to tighten their policing to protect not only the players but unoffending citizens in the seats from the filthy language of the lowest trash. That kind should be thrown out, of course, but, moreover, should be prosecuted, or there will be no effect.

Baseball is not in such fine condition that it can stand this conduct. The minor leagues are finding it hard to fill their uniforms these days and the majors will find it more and more a problem to fill their stands.

A Wrong Decision

AN EDITORIAL

THE BASEBALL OWNERS, through their spokesman, A. B. Chandler, have ex-

out in Chandler's reference to the Durocher case involving a colored man in every case involving a colored man in Chandler's reference to the Durocher, to the "possibility of incidents" in the colored people's community as if these incidents" in the colored people's community, and must be seen and fought for these communities are hot-what it is. Racial prejudice speaks out in s is the standard calumny of Puerto Rican descent last week after the itc supremacists." It should never be ignored, overlooked of a game. ooked or forgiven. The word used by Mr. Chandler in his decision who may happen to admire Durocher's leadership as it do it does to those who do not. In our opinion, Chandler's de 's decision should have been in order to dissociate the final go-light on hiring Jackie Robinson rocher in order to dissociate (for the Dodgers) but this human interest should the incident and to prevent squelch the lie. f similar incidents in the fu- When Durocher was 16 he was an apprentice at does the opposite. the Wyco Electric Company plant in West Springpaper's sports writers, who field, Mass. Making motorcycle batteries under the k for fighting Jimcrow in supervision of a man named David Redd. . . . Suded in one case to minimize pervisor Redd encouraged and helped Durocher o overlook this social aspect through his first season in baseball with Hartford. . . . P. S. Redd is a Negro.

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ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY

Charges Against Durocher Get Boysen In Trouble

Atlanta Constitution

NEW YORK—(AP)—Fred Boysen was arrested in a Manhattan courtroom on a handbag theft charge yesterday shortly after he withdrew a summons accusing Manager Leo Durocher, of the New York Giants, of simple assault.

The complainant identified herself as Mary Ryan, Negro registered nurse.

Boysen, a Brooklyn baseball fan who accused Durocher of knocking him down after a Dodger-Giant game April 28, was ordered to remain in the courtroom while a complaint was drawn up against him.

Later, Boysen was taken before Magistrate Doris I. Byrne. A warrant officer told the court that Mary Ryan believed Boysen was one of two men who assaulted her, then stole her purse on March 27 at 124th Street near Morningside Avenue.

Boysen denied the charge.

"I was never in that vicinity," he said. "I'm jobless, but I don't go around taking other people's money."

The woman related that she saw Boysen's picture in the paper after his alleged clash with Durocher. She said she communicated with Edgar Feeley, attorney for the Giants, and that Feeley advised her to be in court today.

"Do you or don't you want to press a charge against this man?" the magistrate asked the woman.

"I want my money back," replied the nurse. She said her purse contained $52.

His attorney, Benjamin H. Chasin, had announced last week he would seek withdrawal of his client's summons against Durocher. Witnesses, he said, had refused to come forward or were changing their stories because of "public opinion."

After Boysen was permitted to withdraw the summons, he apologized to Durocher before the bench and both shook hands.

Durocher was suspended by Baseball Commissioner A. B. Chandler the day after the incident, but was reinstated after a hearing in Cincinnati May 2.

Boysen was late reaching the court. He explained when he arrived that he had been "lost in the subway."

Before Boysen's arrival, his attorney requested permission for withdrawal of the summons.

When he did so, Feeley rose and told the court:

"A great injustice has been done to Leo Durocher. We have 32 witnesses in court ready to go on and each will swear that Durocher did not touch Boysen but warded off an attack, and we ask for an apology as well as a withdrawal."

When Boysen entered the courtroom a few minutes later, the magistrate asked him, "What do you intend to do?"

"I want to withdraw for the simple reason that I have no case, no witnesses and the heat is off," he replied. "I'd like to take it like a good sport and forget the whole thing."

Feeley then asked Boysen if he would apologize to the Giants' manager.

Boysen hesitated momentarily, then put out his hand and said, "Sorry, Mr. Durocher, I hope you have luck."

Durocher, smiling, grasped the youth's hand and said, "Thanks, very much."

Later, Durocher told newsmen: "I am happy that it all ended this way. That is all I want to say."

Durocher Gets Boysen Summons; Polo Grounds Fans Acclaim Pilot

New York Times
New York, New York

A summons was served yesterday on Leo Durocher directing him to appear before a magistrate in Upper Manhattan Court next Monday to answer the assault charge filed against him by Fred Boysen. However, this expected development was just a passing incident in what proved a big day in the stormy career of the Giant manager.

Looming much larger to Durocher was the rousing vote of confidence he received from the Polo Grounds fans on returning to take charge of his team following the lifting of the suspension imposed on him by Baseball Commissioner A. B. Chandler.

There was not a particularly large crowd on hand for the game between the Giants and the Pirates but those present made it clear by their warm-hearted reaction to Durocher's appearance that they stood squarely behind Leo in a situation that, for a while, threatened to end his baseball career.

Up to then never a completely popular figure in his home park, Durocher had the whole crowd with him yesterday. When he emerged from the dressing room, just seven minutes before game time, following a 45-minute conference with the National League's president, Ford Frick, the bleacherites greeted him with a good round of applause.

Then, after a milling mob of photographers had released him and he started walking across the field, in company with Johnny Mize, grandstand spectators picked up the acclaim. The cheers reached a crescendo as he approached the more densely filled stands around the infield and, appropriately, the public address system blared forth with a recording of "I Love You as I Never Loved Before."

Just before stepping into the dugout Durocher, who had been walking with his eyes cast down, looked up, smiled and tipped his hat.

To reporters awaiting his arrival on the bench, he grinned, mopped his face, then said: "Whew! That was a long walk." Someone asked him what he thought of the reception. He quickly replied: "It felt wonderful. There are just no words for it."

It was time to play ball then and the dugout cleared out but a few minutes later, when the Giants came to bat for the first time and Durocher trotted out to the third-base coaching box, he received another round of applause.

Two process servers delivered the summons to Durocher in the Giant dressing room at about 1:30 P. M. "There was nothing to it," he said later. "These fellows just came in, dropped the paper on my desk and went right back out to see the ball game."

Other than to say that he intended to appear in answer to the summons next Monday morning, Durocher declined to discuss the matter. Boysen, a Brooklyn fan who had been abusing Durocher, charged that the Giant manager had knocked him down and kicked him in a scuffle on the field following last Thursday's Giant-Dodger game.

In a hearing at Cincinnati on Tuesday, Commissioner Chandler exonerated Durocher, so far as organized baseball is concerned, declaring that the evidence "was not sufficient to warrant the belief that Durocher deliberately assaulted Boysen."

Commissioner A. B. Chandler reading a statement announcing his findings, while Secretary Walter Mulbry listens.

Associated Press Wirephotos

They Framed Boysen

Daily Worker

FRED BOYSEN, young colored man of Puerto Rican descent, experienced how fast and smoothly the frame-up machinery of the Big Business press can get to work.

It was Boysen who charged Leo Durocher, Giants manager, with having attacked him on the ball field last week.

New York

There immediately was created a newspaper smear of this colored man which quite successfully blinded most of the fans to the rotten Jimcrow, "white supremacy" issue in this case. Jul. 5 - 12 - 49

Tuesday, Boysen, standing in the Felony Court, heard a magistrate say of the purse-snatching charges which suddenly were dug up to smear him: "The story told by the complainant is fantastic." 5 - 12 - 49

Just as fantastic has been the flood of abuse and personal slander which the hired press has poured over the head of this Brooklyn citizen who had dared to challenge the vested interests and the "white supremacy" system by denouncing an attack upon him by a white man.

The minds of New Yorkers were engulfed in a wave of lies and racism as vicious and as organized as any that has become routine in Ku Klux Klan territory when a Negro is seized for "rape." It is a disgrace—and a lesson—that so many progressive-minded persons fell for this classic frameup tactic.

The frameup of Fred Boysen shows how deep are the roots of "white supremacy" racism and how cleverly this anti-Negro, anti-"alien" mania can be used to cover up crimes, both small and large. The truth is that, in the Durocher-Chandler-Boysen case, big business in baseball and the press cooperated to justify an outrageous physical assault against a man of color. 5 - 12 - 49

If justice is to be done, the doors which were slammed shut in this case should be reopened and Boysen's charges acted upon in a way that will clearly dissociate baseball of approving violence against colored fans. The Chandler-Durocher team pulled a fast one.

Durocher Is Cleared by Chandler; Returns as Giants' Manager Today

By JOHN DREBINGER
Special to The New York Times.

CINCINNATI, May 3—Leo Durocher, who seemingly has been wearing the carpets of baseball's high executives almost threadbare these many years, is in the clear again.

Exoneration of the voluble Giant manager, so far as organized baseball is concerned, came at the close of a two-hour session today. Commissioner A. B. Chandler then lifted the temporary suspension which he slapped on Durocher following the now famous "incident of the Polo Grounds" of last Thursday when Leo allegedly became involved in a scuffle with Fred Boysen, 22-year-old Brooklyn fan of Puerto Rican descent.

Boysen had charged that Durocher had knocked him down and kicked him as the pair came down the field along with a swarm of other spectators hustling toward the Eighth Avenue exit after th Giant-Dodger game that aft son.

In his finding, which he released to the press in a 400-word statement, the commissioner declared that the evidence "was not sufficient to warrant the belief that Durocher deliberately assaulted Boysen." At the same time, however, Chandler issued a broad warning to all baseball clubs and the Giants in particular that they must provide better protection for players against insults from fans and also take measures to safeguard against repetition of such incidents as occurred at the Polo Grounds.

"Had this man not been permitted to use abusive language from a box seat for which he held no ticket it is quite likely this whole thing would never have happened," said the commissioner in discussing briefly his finding. "And nothing of the sort could happen were the spectators kept off the field until the players had vacated it."

Present at the hearing, in addition to Durocher, were Horace Stoneham, owner of the Giants; Ford Frick, president of the National League; Eddie Brannick, Giant secretary; Garry Schumacher, publicity man of the club, and Robert Boyle, a former FBI operative whom the commissioner had engaged to investigate all phases of the case for his office.

Durocher, all smiles as he shook hands warmly with newspapermen who, curiously, appeared for the first time in his turbulent career to be pretty solidly aligned "in his corner," said he would be back directing the Giants when they play the Pirates at the Polo Grounds tomorrow afternoon. In fact, he would have been eligible to resume his duties for tonight's game had he been able to arrange his plane flight earlier. The entire Giant party left for New York by plane at 5:45 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.

At the same time Owner Stoneham declared he would cooperate fully with the commissioner's mandate to provide better policing not only as protection for the players but for the spectators as well.

Ushers Get Instructions

As a first step toward that end he said that, beginning with tonight's game, spectators would be instructed through the public address system that no one will be permitted on the playing field at the close of a game until all the players have left the field.

Stoneham also added that he had instructed his ushers and guards to pay particular attention to fans grabbing unoccupied reserved seats in late innings, with special emphasis that anyone becoming too objectionable in his language be expelled from the park.

"I think that will cover the situation thoroughly," said Stoneham, "especially as the commissioner has assured us he will back us fully should we run into trouble following the ejection of a spectator whose conduct has become too objectionable."

Asked whether the Giants were considering building new players' dressing rooms under the grandstand at the Speedway end of the arena to replace their present quarters in the center-field club house, Stoneham replied:

"We did consider that but, after studying it further, we came to the conclusion it wouldn't help much. The players still would have to scramble off the field, this time at the opposite end, and the only difference would be that the outfielders, now the first off, would become the last.

"But I'm sure keeping everybody off until the players have left will prevent any future disturbance such as we had the other day. And the commissioner's green light to eject anyone becoming too abusive will also help."

A Surprise Appearance

Today's entire proceedings was over in a little more than two hours with much of the time occupied in typing Chandler's statement for which scores of newspapermen impatiently waited in a hotel suite adjoining the Carew Tower offices of the commissioner.

The first to be closeted with Chandler were Stoneham and Frick, whose appearance here came as a surprise inasmuch as the National League president had previously said in New York that he had no intention of attending the hearing. As explained later by Chandler, this part of ehe hearing was taken up almost exclusively with discussion of improved policing of ball parks.

Then Durocher and the other Giant officials were ushered in and the rapidity with which this part of the session was disposed of made it apparent that the commissioner already had made a complete study of the mass of evidence that had been showered upon him. This included more than a hundred affidavits submitted by the Giants supporting Durocher's denial that he had struck Boysen, as well as the voluminous report of Chandler's own investigator, Boyle.

It was a tight-lipped Durocher who first came out of the session, followed by Stoneham and the other members of the Giant party.

"There is absolutely nothing we can say," said Brannick as the party barricaded itself in the Stoneham suite. "Whatever is said will have to come from the commissioner."

So back to their own headquarters went the still bewildered scribes to cool their heels another half hour until advised that the commissioner was ready to receive them with his statement, the substance of which, up to this moment, had been kept a secret.

Not until assured that Chandler had anounced his verdict did Stoneham finally throw open house in his suite until time to hustle to the airport.

Thus did the oft-suspended and frequently fined Durocher succeed in gaining one of the acquittals to fall his way in his innumerable jousts with baseball commissioners, league presidents and umpires. It also marked his second escape from charges of assaulting a fan. The first, and far more serious, was that of 1945, when he was accused of beating up a Brooklyn fan, John Christian, with the aid of an Ebbets Field attendant.

However, when Durocher was cleared in a subsequent court action, Chandler took no action himself although it is understood he gabe Leo a sharp warning that if ever he became embroiled in a similar affair it would go hard with him. It was because of this that many observers feared Durocher this time faced a possible life suspension had there been evidence to prove his guilt.

However, Leo now is free to move about again after the noisiest "rhubarb" baseball has known since the Larry MacPhailian explosion in 1947 which, on that occasion, brought the loquacious Leo

Attorney Will Proceed

Benjamin H. Chasin, attorney for Boysen, upon being informed that Durocher had been cleared, said:

"That's good."

He declared, however, that he will proceed with the prosecution of Durocher on a simple assault charge. The reinstatement, he continued, will have no legal bearing on the law case.

The news of Durocher's reinstatement was greeted by loud applause from the 6.883 spectators at Ebbets Field yesterday when it was announced over the public address system at the start of the third inning of the Dodger-Red game.

Leo Durocher Bops Negro Fan

Giant Manager Scuffles With Fan Who Tried To Snatch Cap

NEW YORK, April 26.—(AP)—Leo Durocher, fiery manager of the New York Giants, was involved in an altercation with a Negro fan at the Polo Grounds today immediately after his club had suffered a 15-2 trouncing from the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The Giants' manager shrugged off the incident at a press conference later.

"Nothing happened," he said. "Somebody tried to take my cap as I stepped out of the dugout. I shoved him, grabbed my cap back and that was all there was to it."

Press conferences are routine after each baseball game.

Mrs. Harold J. Classman, a spectator at the game, said she saw a fan shoulder his way out of the crowd converging on the field and close in on Durocher.

She said three Giants, one of whom was Durocher, faced the fan. A punch was thrown, she added, but she said she couldn't say who threw it. The fan went sprawling, but arose immediately, she added.

Another fan said that Frank Frisch, Giant coach, and Billy Rigney, second baseman, were with Durocher.

This fan added that there was a scramble of some sort and the Negro was either pushed or struck.

Boysen Is Cleared Of Robbery Charge

Magistrate Says Story of Woman Is 'Fantastic'

A robbery charge against Fred Boysen, who filed and then withdrew an assault complaint against Leo Durocher, was dismissed yesterday by Magistrate Samuel Orr in Felony Court.

Boysen, twenty-two and unemployed, was arrested in Upper Manhattan Court, where he had shaken hands with the New York Giants manager after dropping his complaint. He was accused by Mrs. Mary Ryan, of 425 West 124th Street, of being one of three men who stole a purse containing $85 in cash from her on 124th Street between Morningside and Amsterdam Avenues last March 27.

Yesterday Magistrate Orr said that Mrs. Ryan's story of having recognized Boysen from newspaper pictures was "fantastic."

He said that Mrs. Ryan testified that "at night and in the dark she identified him by a scar on the bridge of his nose, but here in court, in the light, I can see no scar while he is standing three feet from me."

Boysen had denied the robbery charge. He lives at 383 Pearl Street, Brooklyn.

Fan in Hospital Says Durocher Assaulted Him

Dodger Rooter Charges Manager Punched and Kicked Him After Game

Fred Boysen, a twenty-two-year-old Brooklyn man, was in Sydenham Hospital last night suffering from bruises, which he declared were inflicted by Leo Durocher, manager of the New York Giants. Boysen declared that he had suffered the injuries when Durocher attacked him on the field at the Polo Grounds soon after yesterday's game, which the Dodgers defeated the Giants, 15 to 2, and further stated that he would file assault charges in Magistrates Court today.

The young man, who attended the game with his cousin, Louis Rodriquez, sat in a box behind first base and near the Dodger dugout and admitted that he had kept up a running fire of adverse comment directed at Durocher throughout the game.

He sai dthat, when the game was over, he had hurried out onto the field in the hope of shaking hands with Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn second baseman, and all three walke daway toward the clubhouse.

Boysen said he then continued examined by Dr. Juan B. Ortega up from behind about 200 feet beyond second base. Boysen said the exit beneath the Giant club- Charles Kessler, chief resident of the neck, knocked him to the ground and then kicked him. John Morris Golding, of 225 West Eighth Avenue through and later was examined by Dr. Durocher struck him on the back witnesses said, he surgeon. first baseman, and Eighty-sixth Street, who had sat Mize, Giant first house, where he was admitted to emergency department. There, he was coach, pulled the near them during the game, took Frank Frisch, coa Boysen said, and Boysen in a cab to the hospital

At the hospital, Boysen showed no visible signs of assault beyond a discoloration on the left side of the body. Hospital officials said he would be kept under observation for twenty-four hours and that an X-ray examination would be made to determine if there were internal injuries.

Holds Press Confidence

The incident on the playing field was witnessed by numbers of players and spectators, but streaming out of the park these did not agree as to what actually had happened. Durocher went into and there held a hurried "press conference" in which he made light of the incident saying somebody tried to grab his cap as he came out of the dugout at the end of the game. The manager said he merely pushe the person away and went on to the clubhouse.

Durocher, when contacted on the telephone last evening, dismissed the incident with the following remarks:

"I didn't hit anybody. The fellow simply went to reach for my cap and when he did, I grabbed it and ran on. I didn't throw any punch."

Mize flatly denied that he had either pulled Durocher off any one or seen any incident.

"I wasn't anywhere near Leo," the first baseman said. "As a matter of fact, I stopped to autograph a few scorecards on the way to the clubhouse and I didn't know anything had happened until someone said in the dressing room that a fan was being carried off the field to the hospital. He didn't look like a hospital case to me when I glanced out the window."

Boysen, who lives at 323 Pearl Street, Brooklyn, and is at present unemployed, issued a statement through his attorney, Samuel Relnisch, of the firm of Reinisch and Haselkorn, 19 East Forty-first Street. He said he would appear in court as soon as the hospital released him, probably sometime today, and ask for a summons.

The police report on the incident said that Boysen was suffering from "abdominal contusions caused when he was "struck by an unknown person causing him to fall to the ground and then was kicked by one known to him as Leo Durocher."

No police action, it was said, would be taken unless a complaint was lodged by Boysen and a summons issued.

Will Press Charge

Boysen, whose last job was with the Swift Ice Cream Company, in Brooklyn, talaked freely to reporters in the hospital last night. "I will bring the charge against him, all right," he declared. "He struck me and knocked me down and kiscked me."

Asked if he could identify Durocher, Boysen said: "I can identify him positively, and furthermore, if I'd seen him coming I would have been ready for him. He hit me from behind."

He said that he had yelled at Durocher all through the game and several times schouted "Durocher, you're a bum, yet another pitcher." Boysen also said that he had waved a white handkerchief every time Durocher appeared on the field and made derisive noises at frequent intervals. That, he said, was part of being a Dodger fan at the Polo Grounrs and he did not suppose he was any more offensive than other Dodger fans.

Durocher's baseball career has been a stormy one and he has been in frequent difficulties. He returned to baseball only last year after sitting out the 1947 season under suspension by Commissioner A. B. Chandler for what was called "conduct detrimental to baseball." He hit the headlines again last year when, in July, he figured in the sensational managerial switch tha tmoved him from Brooklyn to the Giants and returned Barney Shotton as manager of the Dodgers. Shotton had served as Brooklyn manager while Durocher was under suspension.

Accused of Assault in 1945

On June 10, 1945, Durocher, then manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was arrested with Joseph Moore, a special patrolman at Ebbets Field, on the complaint of John Christian, a medically discharged soldier. Christian charged that the two men gave him a severe beating in the players' runway under the Ebbets Field stand during a game with the Philadelphia Phillies the previous night.

Christian was a patient in Kings County Hospital, suffering from a broken jaw, a black eye and two head bruises which he declared Durocher inflicted while Moore held his arms. The manager and the patrolman were booked on charges of felonious assault after an investigation by detectives of the Empire Boulevard station, and Louis Andriozzi, Assistant District Attorney. Both denied all knowledge of the assault at the time and were released in $1,000 bail.

Christian, a vociferous Dodger rooter who disagreed with Durocher's managerial policies, admitted that, from his seat in the upper stand behind the Dodger dugout, he had kept up a continuous torrent of abuse, directed mainly at Durocher. He said that he called the manager a "bum" and a "crook" and used other uncomplimentary words.

He told police that, when he stood up with other spectators for the traditional seventh-inning stretch, Moore tapped him on the shoulder and said: "You're wanted in the office." Christian said he refused to go and was "dragged" downstairs by the patrolman.

DUROCHER CHARGED WITH HITTING FAN

Chandler Suspends 'Lip' for 2nd Time

Charges Cause---

---His Suspension

NEW YORK (U.P.)—Lippy Leo Durocher, fiery manager of the New York Giants was suspended from baseball indefinitely by Commissioner A. B. Chandler in a move that could presage the end of his flamboyant diamond career.

The suspension, second meted out to "The Lip" by Chandler, was ordered on the heels of an "altercation" at the Polo Grounds Thursday.

Durocher was accused of striking and kicking a spectator after the New York Giants had dropped a 15-2 game to the Brooklyn Dodgers.

CHANDLER, through Walter Mulbry, his secretary-treasurer, ordered Durocher to appear in Cincinnati at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday to answer the charges.

Durocher's suspension was effective immediately. He was not allowed to manage the Giants in Friday night's game at Boston against the Braves.

Frankie Frisch, 51, Giant coach with managerial experience at St. Louis and Pittsburgh, was named temporary manager.

Durocher was suspended by Chandler for a year in 1947 for conduct detrimental to baseball.

Chandler never explained what he based the charges on. But the expulsion took place after Durocher quarreled bitterly and in public with Larry MacPhail, then head of the New York Yankees, over the presence of alleged gamblers at a spring training game in Florida.

PRIOR TO THAT, while managing the Dodgers in 1946, Durocher was involved in a fight with John Christian, a Brooklyn fan. He was called on the carpet for this and told to mend his ways.

Durocher's new suspension was to last while Chandler investigated the charge that he struck and kicked Fred Boysen, 22, ardent Dodger fan.

Durocher emphatically denied the charge by saying: "I didn't hit him . . . I didn't hit him . . . I didn't hit him."

Chandler's office notified Durocher of his suspension when he and the Giants boarded a train here for Boston. At Providence, R. I., he locked himself in a compartment and refused to see newsmen.

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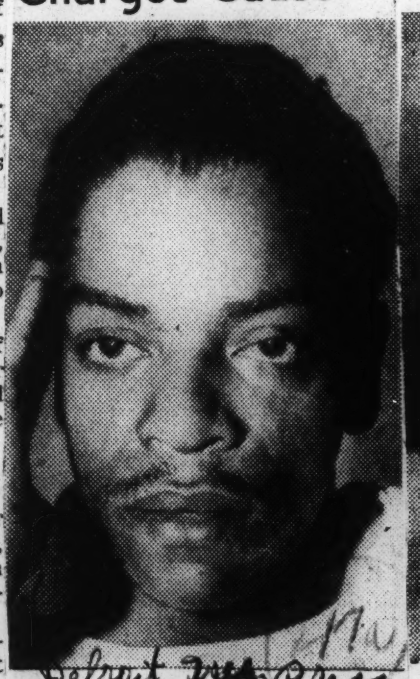
WHEN THE TEAM arrived in Boston, Durocher, accompanied by Giant Road Secretary Eddie Brannick, again refused to comment on the suspension.



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FRED BOYSEN

Says Lippy assaulted him

"We are positive he did not hit this man," Stoneham added.

Boysen, an unemployed ex-GI, said he intended to press assault

Associated Press Wirephoto

LEO DUROCHER

Faces hearing on Tuesday

and battery charges. He was released from Sydenham Hospital at noon.

He had spent the night there for observation.

"Any comment will have to come from the New York office," the usually talkative Durocher said.

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BUT THE GIANT front office didn't have much more to say. In the only statement by President Horace Stoneham, the club said it "has the fullest confidence in Durocher and will support him to the limit against these false accusations.

Dr. I. Oscar Weissman, hospital director, said that while Boysen had suffered abdominal bruises, X-rays disclosed no internal injuries.

In a surprise move, Attorney Samuel Reinish, who had been representing Boysen, announced that he was withdrawing from the case. He said Boysen still intended to press charges and was turning the case over to another lawyer.

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REINISH WOULD not identify the new lawyer, but said he would make himself known by a statement soon.

Reinish said he was withdrawing because he was "a tax consultant and not that kind of a lawyer."

Boysen charged that Durocher caught him from behind near second base after Thursday's game and punched and kicked him. The youth, who admitted he had heckled Durocher during the game, said he went out on the field to congratulate Dodger Second-Baseman Jackie Robinson.

Chandler, who was in Washington, conferred with National League President Ford Frick, but neither had much to say.

"I am keeping an open and free mind on the case until I see Durocher Tuesday," Chandler said. "I want to be as impartial as possible about this. I've nothing to add to the announcement from my office."

PROMINENT FIGURES TAKING PART IN THE DUROCHER CASE

President Ford Frick of the National League (left) and Baseball Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler met in Washington soon after the latter's office in Cincinnati announced the suspension of the manager of the Giants.

Associated Press Wirephoto

A solemn-faced Durocher sits in his hotel room in Boston with Eddie Brannick, secretary of the Giants, after they had received word of Chandler's action.

Associated Press Wirephoto

DUROCHER BARRED BY CHANDLER EDICT

New York Times

Out 'Indefinitely' for Fracas With Fan—Latter Unhurt, Released From Hospital

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Leo Durocher, manager of the New York Giants, was suspended from baseball yesterday for the second time in two years.

The 42-year-old pilot, who drew a full season's suspension in 1947, was barred from the game "indefinitely" by Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler as a result of a brief fracas with a fan after Thursday's Giants-Dodgers game at the Polo Grounds.

Commissioner Chandler ordered Mr. Durocher to appear at his offices in Cincinnati at 10:30 A. M. Tuesday for a hearing. The commissioner, who was in Washington yesterday, said he was keeping an "open and free mind" on the case and wanted to be as "impartial as possible."

Mr. Durocher learned of his suspension while on a train to Boston, where the Giants opened a four-game series with the Braves last night. He called the charges "ridiculous" and insisted that he would be "cleared."

After appointing Frank Frisch, Giant coach, as temporary manager, Mr. Durocher flew to New York to confer with Horace Stoneham, president of the National League team. Earlier Mr. Stoneham said the club had the "fullest confidence" in the manager and would "support him to the limit against these false accusations."

Meanwhile, the day brought two other developments. Fred Boysen, 22, of 323 Pearl Street, Brooklyn, alleged "victim" of the fracas, was discharged from Sydenham Hospital, Dr. I. Oscar Weissman, hospital director, said physicians there had found no bruises on his body and that X-rays had disclosed no internal injuries.

Mr. Boysen's attorney, Samuel S. Reinish, announced at 2 P. M. that he was quitting the case because he was a tax expert and did not engage in criminal or negligence work. He added, however, that he felt the case had "merit" and that "everything is true."

Yesterday morning Mr. Reinish said he would apply on Monday for a summons charging Mr. Durocher with simple assault. Last night his secretary said another lawyer, Benjamin H. Chasin, had agreed to take over the case. Mr. Chasin could not be reached for comment.

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Mr. Boysen, a war veteran and unemployed ice cream company worker, who charges that Mr. Durocher kicked and punched him as they were near second base while the spectators were leaving the field, said on his discharge from the hospital that "if Durocher can't take a razzing he has no business coaching a team."

Informed of the manager's suspension, Mr. Boysen, an ardent Dodger fan, remarked: "Whoever suspended him knew it was for the best." Morris Golding of 225 West Eighty-sixth Street, who helped take Mr. Boysen to the hospital, told reporters yesterday, however, that he felt the suspension was unjust and that the "two should shake hands and forget about it."

For his part, Mr. Durocher spoke freely about the case while on the train and before he learned of the suspension.

"It's one of those things that has happened a hundred times on ball fields when we rush to the clubhouse," he said, "and I can't understand all this sudden uproar that I struck anybody.

"If I had been silly enough to have hit this fellow I would have continued right up to Mr. Stoneham's office and turned in my resignation."

Heard "Pretty Vile Language"

He said that at about the sixth inning of the game, which the Dodgers won, 15—2, he heard someone "riding me hard" from the stands and using "pretty vile language."

"On returning to the bench from the coaching line," he went on, "I asked some of the players to try and spot him for me. They finally pointed him out but after taking one look at him I decided to ignore him and that I did right up to the end of the game.

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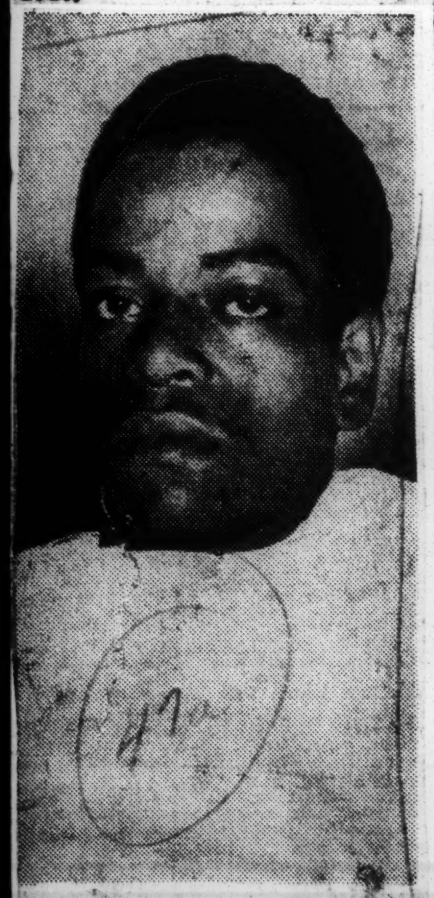
Mulbry said that "this office is making a full investigation of the

"Then the boy who was assaulted asked me to care for his interests," he declared. "When I found out he was discharged from the hospital, I felt I had done my duty as a citizen."

Mr. Boysen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Boysen of 161 Vernon Avenue, Brooklyn, who said they came originally from Puerto Rico. The son, who was born in Brooklyn, was discharged from the Army two and a half years ago.

Yesterday's suspension of Mr. Durocher was his second clash with Commissioner Chandler this season. In January he was fined $500 in connection with the hiring of Fred Fitzsimmons as a Giant coach while the latter was still appearing in that capacity on the Braves' reserve list.

The 1947 suspension occurred when Mr. Durocher was manager of the Dodgers and was for conduct detrimental to baseball. In 1945 he was charged with felonious assault upon a fan at a Brooklyn game. The charges were dismissed in Kings County Court in April 1946.



Fred Boysen at Sydenham Hospital yesterday before he was released. —Photo, New York Times

Durocher Flies To Cincinnati For Meeting

Complainant's Lawyer Says Giant Manager Will Be Served on His Return

By Ed Sinclair

Charged with simple assault in a summons issued earlier in the day in Upper Manhattan Court, Leo Durocher, the harried manager of the New York Giants, left New York last evening by plane for Cincinnati and his hearing in Carew Tower this morning before baseball's high commissioner, A. B. Chandler.

The one-time volatile figure in the game, carrying his second suspension from the sport in three years, is accused of attacking Fred Boysen, a Brooklyn rooter, in the Polo Grounds after a game between the Giants and Dodgers last Thursday. He could draw a penalty as stiff as life banishment from baseball.

In company with Durocher were Horace Stoneham, owner and president of the team; Gary Schumacher, assistant to the president, and Eddie Brannick, the club's secretary. They left La Guardia Airport at 6:05 p. m. The hearing in the commissioner's office is scheduled for 10:30 a. m. today.

Returnable Monday

Magistrate Doris I. Byrne issued the summons on the plea of Benjamin H. Chasin, of 111 Broadway, Boysen's present (and second) legal representative. It is returnable in the same court next Monday. Up to the Giant party's departure last night, however, Durocher had not been served.

Chasin said he would serve the summons as soon as possible but at the same time he indicated that it probably would be after Durocher's return from Cincinnati.

Speaking for his manager yesterday, Stoneham said, "We will welcome service. We want to get this thing cleared in court. I am confident Leo can clear himself of these false accusations."

Boysen, a twenty-two-year-old unemployed Puerto Rican from Brooklyn, was present when Chasin went before Magistrate Byrne. In making his request, the lawer stated,

"I want to make an application for a summons charging simple assault against one Leo Durocher who on April 28 about 5:15 p. m. assaulted my client. The nature of the assault was the striking of my clinet on the head and a kick in the stomach."

When reporters asked about several obvious discrepancies in the many versions of the alleged attack, Chasin declared he was convinced Boysen's story was true. "If not," he added, "I would'nt take the caise."

Again when newspaper men brought out the fact that there was an increasing tide of sentiment for the indefinitely suspended manager, Chasin said, "Once Durocher's suspension was announced, the deluge started. One thing is certain. Boysen was hit, whether it was a shove, a shrug or a swing."

The lawyer also declared that he hoped Durocher would be reinstated, that he didn't want Leo barred for life and that "we have nothing against Durocher personally. But even if he is reinstated," Chasin continued, "we will continue the prosecution.

"I do not contemplate a civil suit at this time," Chasin added. Boysen evaded all questions, referring them to his attorney.

Puerto Rican Is Treated At Hospital

NEW YORK—(AP)—Leo Durocher, Manager of the New York Giants, was accused last night of "kicking and scuffing" a fan in a flareup that followed the Giants-Brooklyn game at the Polo Grounds.

Fred Boysen, 22, of Brooklyn, a Puerto Rican, who was admitted to a hospital for treatment of abdominal bruises, told police he was "kicked" by the Giants' manager.

Durocher acknowledged at a routine press conference after the game that there had been an altercation but he said it wasn't serious.

"Nothing happened," he said. "Somebody tried to take my cap as I stepped out of the dugout. I shoved him, grabbed my cap back and that was all there was to it."

Samuel S. Reinish, who identified himself as Boysen's attorney, told a reporter Durocher attacked the youth as Boysen crossed the field in search of Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn's second baseman.

"Boysen had been riding Leo during the game," Reinish said. "He went out on the field after the game, chasing Robinson, one of his heroes. Leo came after him, kicked him, knocked him down, and gave him a scuffing."

The attorney said he planned to file charges of assault and battery against the Manager.

The incident took place as the teams left the field for the dressing room after the wild game, won by the Dodgers, 15-2.

Several fans said they witnessed the altercation, but there were varying versions.

Mrs. Harold J. Claassen, wife of an Associated Press sports writer, said she saw a spectator shoulder his way through the crowd on the field until he came face to face with Durocher and two other members of the Giants' team.

A punch was thrown, Mrs. Claassen said, but she couldn't see who threw it. The fan went sprawling, she related, but arose quickly and left the park.

Other fans said Frankie Frisch, Giants' coach, and Billy Rigney, second baseman, were with Durocher when the scuffle occurred.

There was a scramble of some sort ,they said, and the fan was either pushed or struck.

The commotion drew a large crowd onto the field. Durocher left the ball park after his press conference and was unavailable for further comment late last night.

The Giants leave early today for Boston, where they open a series tonight.

At the hospital, Boysen gave this account to reporters:

"I razzed him during the game. After the game my cousin and I went on the field. We were passing first base. On our way over to talk to Jackie Robinson, Durocher came up behind me.

"He grabbed me and punched me. As I tried to get up—I was dizzy—he kicked me in the stomach. I didn't try to hit him. But if I'd known he was coming up I'd have been ready for him."

Durocher's career has been a tumultuous one.

He was suspended for the 1947 season by Commissioner A. B. Chandler for what the Commissioner termed "conduct detrimental to baseball."

This grew out of an accusation made by Durocher, then manager of the Dodgers, that Larry MacPhail, at the time president of the New York Yankees, had invited two alleged gamblers to sit with him at an exhibition game in Havana.

Durocher was brought to court on a charge of assault in 1945 when a fan accused Leo of hitting him at Ebbets Field. Durocher was acquitted.

Chandler, reached in Washington last night, said he would have no comment on the newest incident until he receives a formal report on the facts.

The Durocher Affair

There were 24,069 people at the Polo Grounds Thursday, and the Giants were atrocious. Beyond that the evidence runs in every direction. Young Fred Boysen, Brooklyn fan, says that he was beaten and kicked by the Giants' manager, Leo Durocher, a firebrand with a reputation. Durocher's defense is that it isn't so. Boysen was sent home from Sydenham Hospital yesterday; the doctors apparently could find nothing wrong. Commissioner Chandler, the boss of baseball, has placed Durocher under indefinite suspension, and summoned him for appearance next Tuesday.

Leo Durocher's astonishing capacity for making news may puzzle a small minority, but it is a healthy phenomenon. Neutrality on anything concerning Durocher is difficult; you are for him or against him. The man's nature is controversial and belligerent, and the famous affair of the all-year suspension in 1947 looms large in the background. The disputed occurrence out beyond second base on Friday afternoon may strike some people as insignificant, but the issues involved is plain American justice more important than all baseball. If Boysen's account is true, Durocher has no remaining value to the Giants or any other team. And if Durocher is unjustly accused on the basis of his reputation, then he deserves exoneration.

Commissioner Chandler's job is to dig out the facts at once. Aside from questioning when he appeared in Magistrates papers after the Polo Grounds fiasco.

Only Wants Money Back

Miss Ryan stated she did not want to press the case aganist Boyson if he would return to her the contents of the stolen bag, $52; but the magistrate insisted upon booking the surprised fan on the charge.

Durocher, who had previously been exonerated of guilt in diamond occurrence by Happy Chandler, baseball commissioner, had withdrawn the his team on Wednesday.

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Durocher Accuser Accused Himself

NEW YOR—Fred Boyson, who figured in what might have been baseball's biggest racial calamity recently, not only "ate crow," but also was put on the spot to become "a bird of ill augury."

Miss Mary Ryan, a registered nurse of Harlem, told the magistrate that Boyson was the man who snatched her pocketbook from Lippy. On the night of April 24. After the charges had been lodged against descent Boysen, who had made charges against Giants' manager Leo (Lippy) Durocher slugged and kicked him at the Polo Grounds game in April 28, found himself in hot water with Commissioner Happy Chandler, baseball czar, who demands a verdict beyond dispute, and this is to be obtained only by a thorough and fair investigation of all the facts. Nobody could ask for more, or be content with less.

Court here today (Jail bird) Boysen, the Brooklyn Dodger man who had charged New York Giants' Manager Leo (Lippy) Durocher with felonious assault upon a fan at a Brooklyn game. The charges were dismissed in Kings County Court in April 1946.

Luke Easter Signed By Cleveland Indians

CLEVELAND —(ANP)— Home Run King Luke Easter—believed to be the greatest natural hitter since Babe Ruth—has been signed by the World Champion Cleveland Indians.

Big Luke appeared in his first major league game Thursday night against the Chicago White Sox. With the scores tied 5 all in the eighth inning of the 12-inning tilt, Manager Lou Boudreau called on the Pacific Coast league sensation to bat for Pitcher Sam Zoldak. There was one out and the winning run on third.

Mr. Extra Base looked at the first pitch for a ball strike. The second ball was low and outside. Easter took a vicious swing at the next ball, and then smashed a sizzling grounder to Shortstop Luke Appling, who recovered balance in time to make the play at first base.

RECOVERS FROM KNEE OPERATION

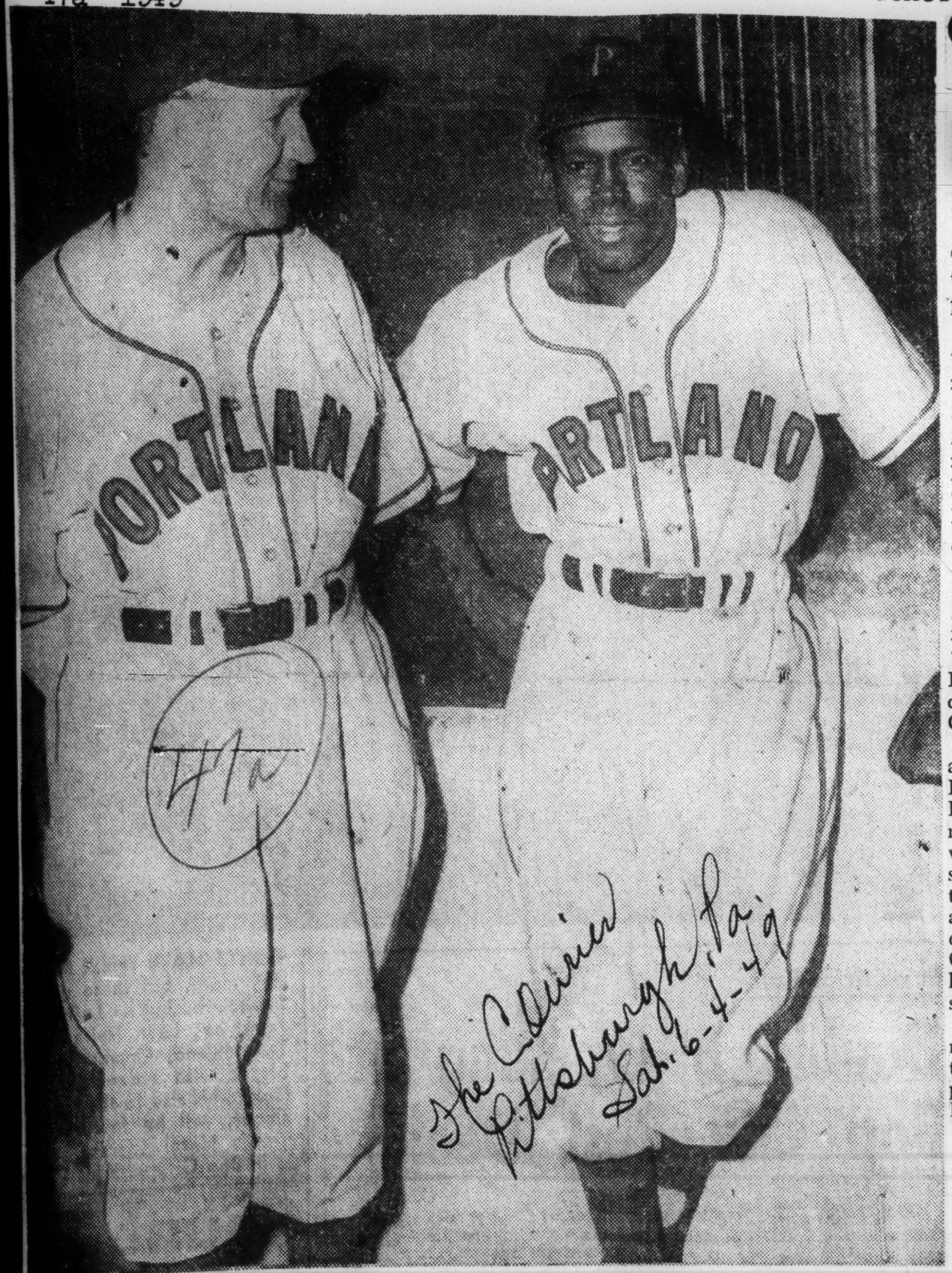
Easter has been in Cleveland for the past six weeks, recovering from a knee operation. Reports from the west coast had him returning to San Diego, while rumors in Cleveland had him in a Tribe uniform.

Outfielder Allie Clark was sent to San Diego on 24-hour recall option to replace Easter. Easter was leading the Pacific Coast league with a .363 average when he left for Cleveland.

HITS 25 HOME RUNS

When the 28-year-old native of St. Louis left the Padres he was leading the Pacific Coast League in home runs with 25. He played first base there, but he played the outfield in years past with the Homestead Grays of the Negro National League. He batted .376 with the Grays in 1948.

Last winter Luke played with the Mayaguez Indians of the Puerto Rico League and posted a .402 average, the loop's highest mark. When he joined San Diego this spring he made his debut in organized baseball.



AUSTIN GOES OVER—Manager Bill Sweeney of the Portland Beavers is pictured with Frank Austin, his newly acquired shortstop. Austin was purchased from Newark along with Louis Marquez. Austin was immediately placed in the Beaver lineup during the series with Hollywood and proceeded to field and hit in splendid fashion. Sweeney is high on Austin's ability.—McLain Photo.

'Find' Another Negro Player Good Enough

We don't doubt that the Yankee owners are sincere when they say they are finally "looking for Negro players good enough to sign up."

We just want to point out that they mustn't expect to find a ready made star as good as Joe DiMaggio. The test of sincerity is to begin by signing up some of the very many young Negro players obviously in need of some minor league seasoning and just as obviously good enough to possibly develop into big leaguers.

Jackie Robinson spent a year in Montreal in preparation for his Brooklyn career. A year is not much, but Robinson was an unusually gifted player, as are Monte Irvin and Ford Smith, signed Friday by the Giants to the Jersey City farm.

Yesterday the Brooklyn team announced the signing of young Richard Robertson for their Three River farm club. Robertson was not hidden under any barrel. He was regarded as one of the outstanding athletes in Suffolk County, where he starred in three sports at Huntington High. He was recommended by Dodger scout George Sisler. Why couldn't it have been a Yankee scout? The start has to be sometimes.

The Boston Braves recently moved right into your bailawick, the Bronx, and plucked out a promising young Negro infielder of Monte High for a trial. There are many more good young Negro players who hate a chance in one of the lower Yankee affiliations to start.

And there are players on a more finished level, like shortstop Austin and second baseman Gillion and outfielder Easter, good enough to get an immediate trial on your Newark farm in the International League. They say the Newark team is going to have its last fling at fan support in 19949. Check the attendance at Montreal the same league since that Brooklyn farm-club became an All American team in the true sense of the word. Just broke all previous minor league records, that's all.

Just trying to be helpful.

—L. R.

DON NEWCOMBE
... center of controversy

Fined for Visit to His Home

By SAM MALTIN

MONTREAL — There had been much talk about an "understanding" in baseball that no team will have more than two Negro players on the roster. Buzz Bevasi, general manager of the Montreal Royals, denies it, however.

"Well, if there's such a rule then we're breaking it, the Royals bought Dan Bankhead's contract from St. Paul and we will have Don Newcombe, Sammy Jethroe and Dan wearing a Montreal uniform."

Going into the Newcombe business, Bevasi explained it very neatly, "Newcombe went home for a rest. He was a day late reporting back and was fined $50. The fifty bucks is collected from all players who break the same rule. That's all," he said.

That settles that.

Bankhead started with Nashua last year, burned up that league and finished with St. Paul in the American Association. He started against the Royals in the little world series, but couldn't stop their plate power. He showed the makings of a great pitcher, but needs to learn control. He'll get that chance here.

Dear Yankees: Dodgers

NEGRO BASEBALL ON ROCKS SAYS FORMER HEAD OF NEWARK EAGLES

Says Demise of Jim Crow Setup Will Destroy Chance For Jump to Majors

MARTIN THINKS 1949 BEST YEAR

WASHINGTON. — (ANP) — The Negro press must come to the support of Negro baseball if it is to continue, and Negro players are to get ahead, Mrs. Effa Manley, former general manager of the old Newark Eagles, told publishers last week at the 10th annual meeting of the Negro Newspaper Publishers association.

In a statement to the press read by Carl Murphy of the Afro-American, Mrs. Manley warned that unless Negro baseball club owners, the press, and the public work together the future of the Negro in baseball is bad.

"If we fail to support our Negro leagues in this cruical period," she said, "we may be hastening the day when no Negroes will be playing in the majors.

"The boys cannot make the jump from sandlot baseball into the big leagues without going through a period of development such as they are given in the Negro leagues. It is also evident that there will not be a sufficient number of our boys scattered throughout the minor league chains to meet the situation.

"At present we have 10 clubs in the Negro American League and eight in the American association that employ about 350 ball players . . . This is the only practical source for future Robinsons and Dobys."

Mrs. Manley cited a threefold purpose for Negro club owners to adopt. She said:

"They must intend first, to provide entertainment and employment for our people; secondly, they must want to protect the future of Negro baseball . . . and thirdly, they must want to protect that investment, time and energies."

Pointing out the press's role in aiding baseball, she said:

"If the sports writers on your publications will evidence the same enthusiasm toward our Negro baseball leagues and our colored boys playing in these organizations, as they do about the feats of the Negro players in the white major leagues, the future of Negro baseball will not be in jeopardy.

"If they will give us the space, coverage, and buildup, the fans will give us the support necessary to make the Negro teams financially successful."

Mrs. Manley's outlook was quite different from that of Dr. J. B. Martin, president of the Negro American league, at the beginning of the season. He predicted that 1949 would be Negro baseball's greatest year. At that time he said:

"When our season officially opens on Sunday, May 1, I believe we will be starting the greatest year in Negro baseball. We will not be starting any comeback. We will be picking up where we left off . . ."

He also expressed confidence in the fans. Explaining that club owners had invested heavily in the NAL and citing the selling of Negro players to big league club owners, he added:

"Everyone will have to admit that the Negro club owners sacrificed. I am positive the Negro fan is not deserting us when we are continuing our program of schooling men for advancement in baseball at large."

Portland Beavers take on 2 Negro players; Oakland 1

BALTIMORE, Md. — Last of the New York Yankees' Negro ballplayers went for cash to the Portland Beavers, of the Pacific Coast League, last week. The Newark Bears, farm club of the Yankees, sold little Frankie Austin to the Beavers to relieve some of the congestion at their second sack.

The week before the Yankees had sent down Charley Witek to the Sears and he was intalled at second leaving the team with four reserves on their hands. Because of his fine showing todate, however, Austin figured to be one the Bears would hold on to.

Luis Marquez, former Bear teammate of Austin's, wound up again a teammate of Austin's in a roundabout way. Baseball Commissioner ruled last month that Marquez was rightful property of the Cleveland Indians, following a squabble between them and the Yankees over ownership of him and shortstop Art Wilson. Upshot was Wilson went to Yankees from Cleveland and Marquez from the Yanks to Cleveland. And after all the much-ado, neither team wanted what they were squabbling over. Cleveland optioned Marquez off to Portland; and the Yanks left Wilson free to take a job with Oakland of the Pacific Coast League.

Branch Rickey Puts Grambling Hurlers At Ease During Tryout

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BY COLLIE J. NICHOLSON

GRAMBLING, La., —(Special)— Few pitchers have managed to convey a more menacing appearance to opposing batters than "Prince" Mack Hall, the brawny Grambling College hurler recently signed to a Brooklyn Dodger contract. But Hall revealed here recently that he, too, has had his frightening moments.

"I haven't been scared by a hitter yet," said the stylish righthander bulging the muscles of his chunking arm between warm-up tosses, "but I was so scared when we were over in Fort Worth to see Mr. Rickey that I was pretty nearly muscle-bound. My heart must have done close to 100.

'ALMOST CALLAPSED'

"Of course," he reflected, giving vent to a broad grin, "old Mack wasn't by himself; the three of us almost collapsed when the Dodger owner came down on the field to introduce himself upon arrival at the park." He referred, of course, to teammates Gussie Williams and Mackie Freeze, both pitchers who also inked Dodger contracts.

"At the time," big Mack continued, "we were taking turns throwing to Bob Bragan, the Fort Worth skipper. He saw what was happening and kept telling us to relax and take it easy. His verbal persuasion didn't do much good, though. We tried to act like everything was all right but to no avail. I kept telling myself, 'Mack you gotta get hold of yourself, son. This is your big chance; it's now or never.'

OWNER RICKEY PUTS PITCHERS AT EASE

"One thing about Mr. Rickey," Hall went on, after tossing a sweeping curve to Isaiah Combest, the midget Grambling catcher, "he is one owner who knows a lot about psychology and its application to baseball players. Before we realized what was happening, he had us zipping the ball into Bragan's mitt and feeling like everything was going to be OK. After that, it was just like pitching at home."

Gussie Williams and Mackie Freeze, standing nearby, chinned in with their approval of what was being said. 7-20-49

The red-hot mound trio will join the Dodgers at their Vero Beach, Florida training camp next spring. They have burned up collegiate circles during the past three seasons and hope to put the whammy on the big-stick boys in the organized game.

Hall, a strappling 23-year old youth who stands 6'3" inches and weighs 207, is a prolific strikeout artist with a fastball that has all but assumed the proportion of a "Dixie" diamond legend. Last season he whiffed 310 batters in 19 games while winning 17 and losing 2.

Mackie Freeze and Gussie Williams, ages 20-21 respectively, who constituted half the mound staff at Grambling, are considered outstanding major league prospects with few pitching shortcomings.

Playing Sensational Ball in South America

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

(By Staff Correspondent)

HAVANA, Cuba—Baseball may be sleeping under the blanket of winter in the United States, but it's going full blast here in the sunny tropics these days. Teams in Puerto Rico, Cuba and Venezuela are currently fighting it out to compete in the Caribbean series which opens here on Feb. 20. The winner will be crowned the champion of South America.

Negro ball players are in the thick of this horsehide picture and starring on many teams in this section of the hemisphere.

At the present time Havana and Almendares are battling for the right to represent Cuba in the coming series, with the latter team holding down first place in the Cuban Winter League. One of the most stellar players on the Almendares Club is Sam Jethroe, property of the Brooklyn Dodgers and a star on the Montreal Club of the International League. On Jan. 5, Havana and Almendares played a crucial game for the league lead and Jethroe hit his fourth homer of the season and a double as his team won, 6 to 2.

Another Almendares star is Don Newcombe, Negro pitcher, who led the International League with seventeen victories and six defeats last season hurling for Montreal. Newcombe was first signed here by Havana, but was released when he failed to win in five starts. Almendares immediately grabbed him and last week Don won his first game, beating Cienfuegos, 2 to 0.

Among the other outstanding Negro players here are Oresta Minoso, brilliant third baseman of Dayton and property of the Cleveland Indians. He is playing with Marianao. One of his teammates is the veteran Buck Leonard of the Homestead Grays.

In the Puerto Rican League, Dan Bankhead is pitching for Caguas. Last week he yielded only five hits and beat Aguadilla, 2 to 1. He pitched for St. Paul last season and is the property of the Dodgers. In this game, the opposing pitcher was Tom Parker who formerly hurled for the Homestead Grays. Other Negro stars in the league are Carlos Santiago who pitched in the States last season for Stamford; Wilmer Fields, Homestead Grays pitcher, now hurling for Mayaguez. Willard Brown of the Kansas City Monarchs hit two home runs with one mate on each time to give Santruce a 4 to 3 victory over Mayaguez last week; Art Wilson and Lucious Easter are also playing with the league-leading Mayaguez team.

In Venezuela, James Pendleton, outfielder of the Magallanes Club is leading the league in hitting with an average of .412.

Throughout the season, scouts from the Brooklyn Dodgers, New York Giants, St. Louis Cardinals and Washington Senators have been here to look over the stars

Southern Negro League Seeks Basis To Funnel Players Into White Loops

MOBILE, ALA., March 14 —(AP)— The Southern Negro baseball association today sought an organized basis for funneling Negro players into white leagues.

The Negro loop agreed here yesterday to follow rules of organized baseball and invited baseball Commissioner A. B. Chandler to work with the league.

Dr. R. B. Jackson, of Nashville, Tenn., president of the 10-club Negro Circuit, said the league had incorporated and that charters were issued to all 10-clubs.

"One of the purposes of our incorporated setup is to work out closer affiliation with organized baseball so that young ball players will have a better chance to go into the organized sport," Dr. Jackson said.

The association has been in existence for several years. Members this year are Mobile and Montgomery, Ala., Pensacola, Fla., New Orleans, Detroit, Nashville, Tenn., Evansville and Indianapolis, Ind., Lexington, Ky. and Pittsburgh, Pa.

Los Angeles Dons Sign Ben Whaley

Afro-American

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — The Los Angeles Dons, of the All-American Conference, have signed Ben Whaley, 22-year-old All-American and All-CIAA guard from Virginia State College.

Whaley is the second colored star signed for the 1949 season. Earlier the Dons got hold of George Taliaferro, All-Big 9 and All-American mention from Indiana University.

Veterans with the Dons are Lenny Ford, John Brown and Lin Sexton.

5 In Big Leagues Now

Chicago Defender

Five Negroes who stand out among the best men in baseball will wrap up the public April 19, when eight umpires yell, "Play Ball!" and the 16 major league clubs begin their race for the world series.

Down in the minors, another 25 or so will be fighting their hearts out to make the big time. And chances are some of them will do it. It's going to be a good season — one of the best. Kids who were delayed by the war are coming into their own, and the Negro players are moving into their golden days. Not only have they brought new life to the majors, but they've won the fans completely. From Gotham to Podunk, the colored lads in baseball will shove everything else into the background from April 19, to October, while the national sport is king.

The brightest spot on the stage belongs to the big four — Jackie Robinson, second sacker for Brooklyn; Satchel Paige, the Indians' 43-year-old sophomore; Larry Doby, the star Cleveland centerfielder, and Roy Campanella, Dodger catcher.

They won their spurs the hard way, when Jim Crow was the biggest part of the competition, but already, all but Campanella have put their names in the record books. This year all four stand to do even better.

Robby is the trail blazer. He came up from the Kansas City Monarchs and Montreal, as the first Negro to play in major league ball in modern times. He led the league in stolen bases and was rookie of the year in 1947, cementing the Negro's place in major league ball. Right now, Branch Rickey calls him the best keystone sacker in baseball.

Switched, Still Stars

Behind Robby came Larry Doby, the former Newark Eagles' second sacker, whom Cleveland made into an outfielder. After one season in the big pasture he is second only to Joe DiMaggio, and the Indians, from Bill Veeck down, say he is the man to fill the shoes of Tris Speaker, the immortal "Gray Eagle."

Twenty years from now when the third man of the big four has hung up his glove, if someone says, "Satchel Paige was the greatest pitcher of all time," he may not get an argument.

The elongated "Cinderella Man" won six and lost one after joining the Indians in August last year for the league's ton percentage. A troublesome stomach, aging legs, and 22 years of hard play, both winter and summer, rode his arm with every pitch. But Satch stood the best batters on their ears. He is still good for his regular turn on the mound, and he can fill any stadium almost any day.

Campanella, the quiet man of the big four, is a victim of the weakness at the plate that plagues nine out of 10 catchers. He finished last season hitting less than .270, but he keeps 'em honest on the baselines with rifle pegs to second.

The man all eyes will be on in 1949 is Oreste Minosa. It is just a matter of time before he is the Indians' regular third sacker, or goes to another team in a profitable trade. Minosa, a Cuban who speaks only Spanish, went to the Dayton Dodgers last August, and hustled his way to the big team this spring.

Veeck Won't Sell

Minosa's chance for locking up third improved when Kenny Keltner, the regular third sacker, was sidelined after being hit on the head by a batted ball, April 4. Minosa has shared the chores with Al Rosen since then, plus being used as a pinch runner.

Lucius Easter, a mean man with a stick, is pounding the tar out of the ball for San Diego, and poled out 11 hits in his first 22 trips in the Pacific Coast season. Three were homers, and he drove in 10 runs — almost one for every hit. Despite his 6 foot, 4 inch frame, Easter fields like a ballet dancer. He makes a target at first base that can't be missed.

One man Branch Rickey won't forget this year is Sammy Jethroe, the former Cleveland Buckeye, now entering his first full season with Montreal. Jethroe, the fastest man in the Dodger organization, poles a mean .300, and in less than half a season, pilfered 14 sacks to lead the league.

Rickey Considers Reiser Deal 'Most Hazardous I Ever Made'

New York Herald Tribune

Sweeney, Setton Hall Pitcher, Will Join St. Paul; Shotton Forecasts Pennant for Brooklyn

By Harold Sinclair

Branch Rickey, the high priest of Montague Street, gathered members of the press into his throne room yesterday morning, let them savor the fragrance of his cigars and revealed that six more of his chattels had come to terms for 1949, and that he was leaving almost immediately on an eight-day busines trip to the west coast.

Amid cigar smoke and expansive oratory, the Brooklyn boss also disclosed that he is unhappy about the circumstances of the Holly-wood (Calif.) club, a Dodger affiliate, that he hasn't a holdout on the Dodger roster and that he considers the Pete Reiser deal "the most hazardous I ever made."

Sweeney, who signed a St. Paul agreement—brings the Dodger roster up to fourteen players at this point. The acquiescence of the remaining twenty-six has yet to be announced.

Robinson Satisfied

Robinson, who was among those present and seemed the happiest in

Sepia Stars Play In Pensacola Game

Pittsburgh Courier

(Special to The Courier)

PENSACOLA, Fla.—A crowd of 1,800 fans, including a large turnout of Negroes, braved the chilly weather here Saturday night to see the first Negro players perform in organized baseball in Pensacola's history.

Pittsburgh Pa

The colored players, Al Smith and Harry Simpson, were the attractions of the game between their team, Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Indians of the Eastern League, and the Pensacola Fliers of the Southeastern League. However, their team lost to Pensacola 11-3.

SIMPSON HOMERS

Simpson, who plays right field, was the star of the Wilkes-Barre attack. He blasted out a home-run and a triple.

Smith played a stellar game at

the room, said he was "pretty well satisfied with his contract and indicated that he received a substantial increase over the $14,000 he collected last year. Mindful of the excess poundage which slowed him down the first half of last season, he said his current weight is 206 and that he wants to lose another ten pounds.

Once he got into shape last July, the second baseman had quite a time for himself. He stole nineteen bases after July 22 (up to that time he had swiped only three). At the end of the season, he led the Brooklyn club in runs scored (108), hits (170), doubles (38), triples (8) and runs batted in (85) and wound up with a .296 average. His fielding average of .9795 was the highest for a second baseman in the National League.

Branca, a $12,000 employee in 1948, also came in for a raise in salary, but it was estimated to be something less than Robinson's. The husky righthanded hurler won fourteen games and lost nine over last season. Most of his victories were registered before July. That month he was bothered by an ailing shoulder and then in August his left ankle was injured. Throughout the rest of the campaign he won only two and lost the same number.

Cox Hits Only .249

Whitman, a southpaw hitter and righthanded outfielder, hit .291 in sixty Dodgers games last year before he was optioned to Montreal in August. Cox played seventy games at third base, six at shortstop and one at second last season and had a weak time of things (.249) from the third base side of the plate. Van Cuyk, a lefthander, started 1948 with Brooklyn, got into three games, came out with no decisions and then passed most of the season with Montreal, where he won ten and lost seven.

Sweeney, the rookie, is a twenty-year-old junior at Seton Hall College, where he won seven and lost noe last year. During the summer he played with a semi-pro team, the South Orange (N. J.) Giants, and the Equitable Life Assurance Society team which won the national amateur baseball tournament at Youngstown, Ohio.

With the New Jersey club he won fourteen games out of fourte enand at Youngstown he hurled two triumphs, both two-hit shutouts. To land him, Marsa Rickey had to outbid Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, the Boston Red Sox, the New York Yankees and the New York Giants.

After information on these players had been passed out, the Mahatma described his trip as one with a dual purpose: to see the bosses of the Hollywood team and meet and talk with eleven Brooklyn players as yet among the unsigned.

"Hollywood has finished in the first division (of the Pacific Coast League) only twice in the last eleven years," he said. "I am going out there to see about the player situation. I haven't put a player in there as yet, but I know they are unhappy and I want to do something about it. Also, I want to see Bruce Edwards in San Francisco and several others along the way."

He continued, "I haven't a holdout on the list. Marvin Rackley had been difficult in the past and may be again, but I don't expect any trouble. On the deadline day for the mailing of contracts, I sent out thirty-four. They are coming in rather promptly. Most of our key men are signed now."

Commenting on Reiser, whom he traded to the Boston Braves at the finish of the recent winter meetings in Chicago for Mike McCormick and an unnamed player, Rickey said, "it was our belief that he couldn't play here and that a change would be best. If he comes through with his former ability for Boston, that team will be by far the team to beat."

But Shotton, the Dodger manager, also attended the conference. Sitting to the right of his boss, he expressed his pleasure in obtaining McCormick with the statement, "I'd like to have nine McCormicks on my team."

When asked if he would predict a pennant this year, Shotton replied, "I have predicted we would win about fifty times this winter. I guess fifty-one can't hurt. I always figure the St. Louis Cardinals in the race. That's the team to beat."

A. L. Race Figures As Fight Between Red Sox and Indians

New York, April 10 (AP) —The American League pennant race figures to be a two-team dog-fight between Boston and Cleveland with the Red Sox getting the nod from this corner.

Philadelphia and New York probably will prove a bit stubborn in the early stages of the campaign, but they lack the all-around class of the men of Joe McCarthy and Lou Boudreau.

As far as the rest of the league is concerned, President Will Harridge might as well grant the four other clubs a sabbatical leave. Detroit, St. Louis, and Washington should rap loudly on Chicago's cellar door, but the White Sox ought to have enough staying power to remain entrenched in the basement.

In the final analysis, the Red Sox' devastating power, plus improved pitching, behind the masterminding of Marse Joe McCarthy should overcome the Indians' superb pitching, airtight defense, and Boudreau's inspirational leadership.

Here's how the teams should finish:

1. **Boston.**
2. **Cleveland.**
3. **Philadelphia.**
4. **New York.**
5. **Detroit.**
6. **St. Louis.**
7. **Washington.**
8. **Chicago.**

The Indians, because of their thrilling world series triumph over the Boston Braves, followed by several beneficial winter trades with Chicago and Washington are the logical pre-season favorites. So strong does the Tribe appear on paper that owner Bill Veeck exaults, "We'll win by 10 games." And many agree with him.

The Indians, undoubtedly have the best pitching staff in baseball. They boast four potential 20-game winners in Bob Feller, Bob Lemon, Gene Bearden, and Steve Gromek. They have the best infield in the league, led by the great keystone combination of Boudreau and Joe Gordon. In Larry Doby, they have a centerfielder who has a chance to become a great star, and in Jim Hegan, they possess one of the finest catchers in the business.

Greatest Season.

However, there is this to be considered. Every regular member of last year's pennant-winning Indians, excepting Feller, had the greatest season of his career in 1948 — Boudreau, Gordon, Ken Keltner, Hegan, Dale Mitchell, Lemon — and of course, such freshman stars as Doby, Bearden and Satchel Paige. Even Feller, with a so-called poor year, won 19 games, and first baseman Eddie Robinson, who batted only .254, drove in 83 runs.

Despite all these splendid individual performances, the Indians could get no better than a dead heat with Boston in the 154-game run. There is no assurance that Boudreau will duplicate his .356 batting mark; or that Gordon and Keltner would equal their combined 63 home run output; or that Lemon and Bearden will repeat their 20-game games.

They may not even approach it.

Then there is a little matter of the celebrated second year jinx and what it could do to Doby, Paige and Bearden. It also remains to be seen whether first sacker Mickey Vernon, and pitcher Early Wynn, acquired from the Senators, will rebound in new surroundings after miserable season in '48.

Why the Red Sox? Only a poor beginning cost them the flag last year. At one stage they were in last place, but after the middle of June, they were the best team in the league. This, despite the fact pitchers Tex Hughson, Dave Ferris and Mickey Harris, the stars of the '46 champions, all had ailing arms. From a total of 62 victories in 1946, they slumped to only 17 in '48, a difference of 45 games.

Hughson, who won only three games last year, has looked like the best pitcher on the staff thus far. Farris and Harris have been fairly impressive. Jack Kramer (18-5), Joe Dobson (16-10), Mel Parnell (15-8), Ellis Kinder (10-7), Earl Johnson (10-4) and Denny Galehouse (8-8) are the other holdovers. Of the newcomers, bonus player Frank Quinn, late of Yale, looks like he might help.

Biggest Threat.

It is at the plate however, where the Sox present their biggest threat. The redoubtable Ted Williams is the greatest hitter in baseball. Together with Dom DiMaggio and either Stan Spence or Sam Mele. They make up a formidable outfield.

Billy Goodman, Bobby Doerr, Vern Stephens and Johnny Pesky complete a brilliant infield. Goodman and Pesky are consistent hitters, Doerr is a great clutch hitter, and Stephens Drove in more runs than Williams did last year. If Walter Dropo, the big Connecticut rookie, makes good at first, Goodman will be used in the outfield. In Birdie Tebbets, the Sox have a catcher who figures one-two in the league.

A break or an injury may decide the third place battle between the Athletics and Yankees. Pitching is the strongest feature of each club. The pitching of Joe Coleman, Lou Brissie, Dick Fowler and Carl Scheib nearly enabled the dark-horse Mackmen to steal the flag last year. Likewise, the twirling of Ed Lopat, Vic Raschi, Allie Reynolds, Tom Byrne, Fred Sanford and Bob Porterfield, is expected to carry the hopes of the Yankees this year.

Personnel Shopworn.

The rest of the personnel of both clubs is shopworn. The Yankees' Joe DiMaggio still is a great player, but whether his balking right heel can stand up to the rigors of 154 games in problematical. Charlie Keller, Phil Rizzuto, Billy Johnson and George Stirnweiss are all past their prime. And the holes at first base and behind the plate look bigger each day.

Except for first baseman Ferris Fain, who is 26, and outfielder Elmer Valo, who is 28, no Philadelphia regular is under 31 years of age. The A's, too, are lacking in reserves.

Little Power.

Detroit has little power, and except for Hal Newhouser, no pitching. Only George Kell at third, and Hoot Evers, in the outfield, can be counted upon to perform in big league style. Rookie Johnny Groth, in centerfield, stacks up as a future star. The Bengals are deplorably weak on the right side of the infield. The injury to Art Houtteman, promising young pitcher, was a severe blow to manager Red Rolfe.

St. Louis has shown no apparent improvement over last year when they finished sixth.

Washington has only one proven big leaguer in Buddy Lewis, and three good pitchers in Rae Scarborough, Sid Hudson and Walter Masterson. The latter is recovering from a recent appendectomy.

Chicago, undergoing a rebuilding program under the direction of General Manager Frank Lane and field leader Jack Onslow, is comprised of aged veterans and inexperienced rookies. The Sox will be lucky to win 50 games.

Brooklyn Turns Back Dallas, 8-3, On Hodges, Campanella Homers

Both Dodger 4-Baggers Smashed With 2 On —Iott, Finger Blasted in 4-Run Seventh —Victory Elates Texas Negro Fans

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

DALLAS, Tex., April 4—The Negro fans of this Texas city had a great day this afternoon when Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella put on a show for them they'll never forget.

They made up nearly two-thirds of the crowd of 5,250 at Burnett Field and their enthusiasm for the two Dodger stars burst all bounds when Campanella whaled a 355-foot home run over the left-field wall off Oren Baker in the ninth inning.

That hit, also scoring Billy Cox and Gil Hodges, gave the Brooks an 8-3 victory over the Dallas Eagles.

Makes a Circus Catch

Robinson's contributions were so outstanding that it was almost forgotten that he failed to get a hit, thereby breaking his streak at twelve games.

In the fourth inning when Morris Martin was in trouble with two Eagles aboard and one out and the Dodgers holding only a 1-0 lead, Jackie raced out into right field and made an extraordinary catch of Hooks Iott's fly.

As if that weren't enough, he wheeled and made a long throw to Buddy Hicks at third, doubling Bill Serena, who was trying to advance after the catch.

Jackie walked three of the five times he came to bat and was robbed of a hit in the ninth when Leo Wells, the shortstop, made a back-hand catch of his liner. ,

It was Gil Hodges, however, who broke the 1—1 tie that the Eagles had achieved in the fifth inning when Jerry Witte singled after Martin had hit one man and walked another.

Iott, who pitched a great game for the Giants a few years ago, was taken out in the seventh after Robinson walked and Carl Furillo slapped a single to left. Tom Finger came in and stood still while his first baseman fielded Cox's grounder, which went for a hit because there was no one covering first. Hodges then hit the first pitch over the left field barrier, 365 feet from the plate.

Palica Relieves Martin

In the seventh Ken Smith put the Eagles withi ntwo runs of a tie when he clouted a homer in the wake of a pass to George Scharein. When Martin also walked Ben Guintini, Mangaer Burt Shotton took him out and sent in young Erv Palica.

Palica allowed only two hits and one of them, a ninth inning double by Smith, furnished the final fillip for the Robinson fans. Snider fielded the ball quickly off the center field wall, whipped it to Cox, who had gone out for the relay, and Billy fired to Jackie, who tagged Smith out as he tried to get back to second.

Robinson was mobbed by a large group of yougn Negro fans before he could get ten feet away from the clubhouse after the game. He signed hundreds of autographs. . . . Dodgers still are beting all Texas League opposition. Branca will pitch tomorrow.

The Box Score

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Abrams, lf	4	0	2	0	0	0
Hicks, 3b	5	0	0	1	1	0
Sndire, cf	5	1	1	3	1	0
R'binson, 2b	2	1	0	3	3	0
Furillo, rf	5	1	2	3	0	0
Cox, ss	4	2	2	2	3	6
Hodges, 1b	4	2	2	3	8	0
C'panella, c	4	1	2	6	0	0
Martin, p	4	0	1	0	1	0
Palica, p	1	0	1	0	2	0

DALLAS (T.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Monaca, 2b	2	1	1	4	3	0
Scharein, 2b	1	1	0	0	0	0
Smith, rf	3	1	3	1	0	0
Guintini, cf	4	0	0	4	1	0
Witte, 1b	3	0	2	10	1	0
Frierson, lf	4	0	0	2	0	1
Wells, ss	4	0	0	1	4	0
Serena, 3b	3	0	1	0	3	0
Easterw'd, c	4	0	2	8	1	0
Iott, p	2	0	0	1	1	0
Finger, p	1	0	0	1	1	0
aMeyer	1	0	0	0	0	0
Baker, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	32	3	9	27	15	1

aGrounded out for Finger in eighth.

Brooklyn	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3—8
Dallas	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0—3

Runs batted in—Furillo, Witte, Cox, Hodges 3, Smith 2, Campanella 3.

Two-base hits—Witte, Snider. Home runs—Hodges, Smith, Campanila. Sacrifice hit—Hodges. Stolen base—Cox. Left on bases—Brooklyn 13, Dallas 9. Double plays—Robinson and Hicks; Wells, Monaco and Witte; Robinson, Cox and Hodges. Hits—Off Iott 9 in 6 1-3 innings. Martin 7 in 6 1-3, Finger 2 in 1 2-3, Baker 3 in 1, Palica 2 in 2 2-3. Struck out—By Martin 3, Palica 2, Iott 2, Baker 1. Bases on balls—Off Iott 6, Baker 3, Martin 5. Winning pitcher—Martin. Losing pitcher—Iott. Umpires—Smith, Conlan, Andrews and Cran. Time of game—2:35.

Robinson, Campanella Like Fan Reaction Here

Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella, first Negroes ever to play with whites in Atlanta, said yesterday they have never received better treatment from fans than they did here Friday night.

"We hadn't expected anything but the best in Atlanta," Campanella, who sat out Saturday's game while Bruce Edwards did the catching, "we're ball players just like the rest of the fellows. When we are at bat we're trying to get a hit and when the other fellow is up we're trying to get him out."

Robinson was high in his praise of the treatment he has received here and extremely grateful.

Asked whether the attitude of the fans toward he and Campanella was any different here than elsewhere, he said:

"Yes, it's better."

The Negro second baseman got a great hand when he came to bat the first time and Ernie Harwell, the former Cracker radio announcer now with Brooklyn, said it was the first time he's heard anything like that.

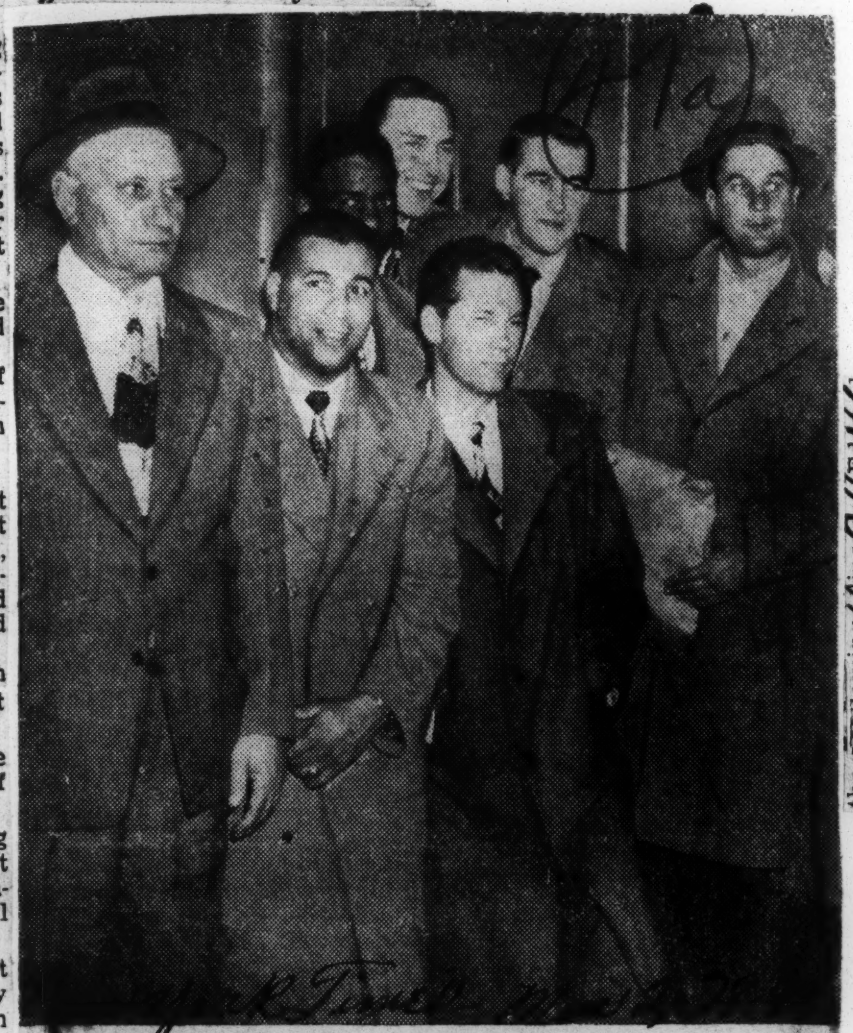
"In the cities where I was with the club the white fans just sat on their hands," Ernie said.

Manager Cliff Dapper, of the Crackers, expressed the attitude of his club.

"There was no feeling among our boys about playing against Negroes," Cliff said. "We all consider them just like any other ball player."

A report, allegedly broadcast over a local radio station Friday afternoon and sent over the nation on wire services, had Robinson standing outside the Ansley Hotel, where the Dodgers are stopping, and saying: "A couple of more stops and we'll be back in the good old U. S. A."

Jackie didn't say it at all. Arrangements had been made in advance for he and Campanella to stay with colored friends in town. They never expected to check into the hotel.



Brooklyn players leaving for Vero Beach. In the group are Jake Pitler, coach; Roy Campanella, Jackie Robinson, Gil Hodges, Rex Barney, Buddy Hicks and Gene Hermanski.

Black Barons Meet Houston Eagles At Bowl Friday Night

Birmingham's Black Barons, one of the most popular baseball teams in the country, has launched a drive for another championship club. The Barons won the 1948 Negro American League baseball title last year under the leadership of their star player and manager, Lorenzo "Piper" Davis.

The Barons played before more than 150,000 home fans in 1948. In the past nine seasons, the team has won three pennants and has been runner-up for the title three times. The Barons home games are played in Montgomery and Birmingham.

"Piper" Davis' 1949 edition of the Barons will make their initial appearance in Cramton Bowl next Friday night when they play the strong Houston, Texas Eagles.

William Powell, Jimmy Newberry, Alonza Perry, William Greason and "Solid Sam" Williams, give to him the best quintet of righthanders in the league. He has a promising southpaw in Richard C. Scruggs, curve ball artist.

Luther Branham, new keystoner, has been hitting the ball hard in the exhibition games. Either he or Manager Davis, last year's second baseman, is likely to be shifted to the outfield. Josea Buergos, the Puero Rican shortstop, is undertaking to fill the shoes left by Art Wilson, the following: Eddie Steele, 1f; John Britton, 3b; John Scott, 1b; Luther Branham or Lorenzo Davis, 2b; Willie Mayes, cf; Robinson or Davis; Herman Bell or Lloyd (Pepper) Bassett; ss; William Powell or William Greason, p.

One of the most improved players on the team is Willie Mayes, shifted from leftfield to centerfield. He covers space like a tent, and has a rifle arm. He was dubbed the "Rookie of the Year for 1948."

While his hitting is not as good as Wilson's, he makes up for that in speed on the base paths, and in adroit fielding.

Manager Davis is likely to use

Jackie Robinson a

Hearing Before Chandler Tuesday

Durocher Ousted Indefinitely For Altercation With Fan

FRED BOYSEN
Accuses Durocher

LEO DUROCHER
Denies attack

Cincinnati, April 29 (AP).—"Lippy" Leo Durocher, the bad boy of baseball, was suspended again today as a result of an altercation with a fan at the Polo Grounds yesterday.

This time Durocher, who sat out the 1947 season with a year's suspension, was waved out of action indefinitely.

Commissioner A. B. Chandler dropped the bomb on the New York Giants' manager and ordered him to come to Cincinnati Tuesday to tell his story.

Immediately appointed by Durocher to handle the Giants in his absence was Frankie Frisch, former Pittsburgh pilot who traveled with the Giants last year as a sportscaster.

Reports vary as to what happened to Fred Boysen, a Brooklyn fan after the Dodgers walloped the Giants, 15 to 2. Boysen, who was released from a hospital today, said Durocher approached him from behind, knocked him down and kicked him in the stomach.

Durocher said he is innocent.

"The commissioner is making a complete investigation of the case," Walter Mulbry, secretary of baseball, said in announcing Leo's suspension.

Jackie, Roy, Doby Homer

Roy Campanella brought his season's batting average up to a level .500 Saturday by cracking out two singles in three trips to the plate, as the Dodgers won at Philadelphia, 8-6. Jackie Robinson, who had been hitless since opening day, failed to connect, and dropped to a miserable .176. He stole two bases, however, and scored along with Campy.

Jackie's hitless days did not count much, since the Dodgers had dropped only one game up to Sunday, and that was to the Giants, 4-1, when the whole team got only four safeties.

Over in the American League, Larry Doby singled in five tries, Saturday, and made three putouts. He did not score, and his average went down to .273.

Larry Doby, Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Satchel Paige and Orestes Minoso, all saw action in the opening games of the American and National League seasons, with Robby and Roy hitting for the distance. Doby poled out a circuit clout Thursday, good for three runs.

Ol' Satch turned on the firehose on the St. Louis Browns, facing six batters in two innings and striking out three at St. Louis April 19, but the team still lost, 5-1. Only one man hit the ball out of the infield on Satch.

Doby got one of Cleveland's seven hits and scored the lone run. Minoso walked as a pinch hitter, but did not score.

Robinson and Campanella exploded in the big Brooklyn fourth, Jackie leading off with a homer, and Campanella following with his after two men got on base. Robinson went hitless on Wednesday and Thursday. Campanella hit sucessfully each day, getting a single Wednesday and a double the following day.

Robinson drove in a run during Wednesday's 6-2 victory over the Giants, and was caught off first Thursday, after arriving via a walk. Campy drove in a run and scored once.

Doby came back for Cleveland on Wednesday, to get a double against the Browns and to score. Cleveland won, 7-3. On Thursday, he got a homer in the fifth frame with two men on. Doby contributed another hit, a run and three runs batted in.

ELITE ACE—Bill Byrd, crack pitcher for the Baltimore Elites, who is ready to face the Kansas City Monarchs in the opener at Baltimore on Sunday, May 1.

Brooks Triumph at Chicago, 2-1

Newcombe Pitching a Six-Hitter

Snider Scores the Deciding Run on Hodges' Single in Ninth—Setback Is Sixth in Row for Cubs—Campanella Connects

BY ROSCOE McGOWEN
Special to The New York Times.

CHICAGO, June 17—Gil Hodges rifled a single to left with one out in the ninth inning to score Duke Snider from second base and give the Dodgers a 2-1 victory over the Cubs today.

It was the sixth straight loss for the Bruins and the seventh straight time they have bowed to the Brooks, and any resemblance between Onkel Franz Frisch and a happy man was purely coincidental. Five of the Wrigley team's losses have been achieved under the aegis of the Old Flash, who now is beginning to inquire:

"How long can this sort of thing go on?"

The other two outstanding gentlemen in the Dodger success were Roy Campanella and big Don Newcombe. Roy conked [illegible] from Warren Hacker, Bruin right-hand rookie, more than 400 feet over the left center field screen in the third inning for the first run and his tenth homer of the season. 6-15-49

Fourth Complete Game

Newcombe, making his sixth start, pitched a masterful six-hitter, for his fourth complete game and fourth victory without a loss and but for a bad break in the sixth might have come through with a shut-out.

In that inning Don gave his second walk of the game to Emil Verban went down in scoring position by Hal Jeffcoat's bunt. Here Hank Edwards bounced a grounder toward right center that Jackie Robinson could have fielded easily. But Jackie slipped as he got in front of the ball, it hit his foot, bounced into short center, and Verban was crossing the plate by the time Peewee Reese recovered the ball.

Only one Cub reached first base thereafter, Hacker opening the eighth with a clean single to center. Verban's attempt to sacrifice resulted in a foul pop to Hodges, who made a good catch and almost doubled the runner off first.

The next six men went down in order, none hitting the ball hard, and Newcombe closed out the game by striking out Hank Sauer on three pitches. Don fanned only three, getting Sauer and Don Kolloway on foul pops and Herman Reich in the seventh. He made only 84 pitches, a low total that probably [illegible] Preacher Roe of the Dodgers would approach.

Threatened In First

Newcombe was threatened at the start when Verban beat out a bunt. But Emil was thrown out stealing

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Josh Gibson, Jr.

Josh Gibson, Jr. will be as good as his father, say the Grays

PITTSBURGH — The name Josh Gibson is going to be an important one in bigtime Negro baseball for a spell yet, according to the Negro World champion Homestead Grays.

Last week, Josh Gibson, Jr., son of the late great hitter-catcher Josh Gibson, took over as regular man at the keystone sack for the Grays, replacing manager Sammy Bankhead, who shifted to centerfield. Bankhead said the switch was for the better, and predicted that the young Gibson would cut as big a figure as his father, at bat and in the field.

The Grays, ready for their regular season opener, have made a clean sweep of their exhibition series so far. In their first four games, they piled up 38 runs against the Nashville Blues and the Winston-Salem Giants.

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By FAY YOUNG

AM LANGFORD—THE FIGHTER who was afraid of nobody, Sam Langford—The Boston Tar Baby who fought all but who won only one championship. He won it from Andres Balsas in Mexico in 15 rounds on April 7, [illegible] for the Spanish heavyweight title. In his years in the ring Sam was highly respected and

was a fighter whose gloves were loaded with T. N. T." He was 5 feet, 6 inches tall. His chest measure was 46 and three-fourths expanded and 44 at normal. His weight was 70 inches.

To the youngster of today — Sam Langford is just a name of a fighter. To the oldtimer, Langford is a hero. Even when his sight failed, he was still great with the oldsters. There was a time Langford fought Jack Johnson, Sam McVey, Jeff Clark, Jim Johnson, Harry Wills, Bill Tate, George Godfrey, Joe Jeannette, Joe Walcott, Stanley Ketchel, Jim Barry and others. He fought Joe Gans, the ring's master lightweight and master welterweight, and Jack Blackburn, five middleweights.

Between the records of John L. Sullivan or Joe Louis, both holders of world heavyweight titles, and those of Langford. Sam had 299 battles in his ring career—some when he could hardly see—were recorded.

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JACK JOHNSON was bitter and refused to meet Langford after winning the world championship from Tommy Burns and after finishing it by defeating Jim Jeffries in Reno, Nevada, on July 4, 1910. There are those who will tell you that there was "bad feeling" on the part of Johnson for Langford.

It was true. Johnson admitted to the writer about 15 years ago that Sam had circulated stories about San Francisco that poisoned the minds of the governor of California and anti-Johnson forces to the effect that the Johnson versus Jeffries fight was a fake and that Johnson was to lay down for the former white world champion who was to regain his lost laurels.

The governor who had promised Tex Rickard, promoter, that he would allow the Johnson-Jeffries battle did an about face. The result was that it took place in Reno. Johnson always blamed Sam and Sam's manager for the change in fight sites.

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BUT SAM HAD as many followers as did Jack Johnson. They claim that Johnson was afraid of Langford and dodged him.

Langford was born in Weymouth, Nova Scotia. That much is certain but as to the date of his birth there are two set down in the record books. One has it on March 4, 1886. The other has it Feb. 12, 1880. We are inclined to believe the latter is correct. Sam weighed 12 pounds when he started fighting. At his peak he was only a welterweight. In his latter days in the ring, he weighed about 153.

Langford and Joe Woodman, who was to become his manager, became acquainted in 1901. Woodman was operating a drug store in Boston at the time. One chilly morning in November, Sam entered the drug store. Joe was running fights at the Lenox Athletic club as a sideline. As the story goes, Langford was down and out — just plain hungry. At his heels was a yellow dog.

Woodman, in a hurry to get to the Lenox club, tossed Sam a quarter and Sam thanked him with a broad smile. Returning from the club, Woodman told Sam that he could sleep in the club if he would keep the club clean. Thus Sam became the janitor.

Langford learned how to box. He entered an amateur tournament after borrowing the entrance fee of 50 cents from Woodman. He came back with a gold watch he had won. He had won five victories in the two-night tourney — three by knockouts and two by decisions.

Sam turned professional on Jan. 1, 1902. He stopped Jack McVickar in the second round.

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LANGFORD MET JOE GANS on Dec. 18, 1803 and won in 15 rounds. The fight took place in the Criterion club in Boston. Sam was given the referee's decision at the end of the fight. Gans admitted later that Langford had really won. Gans said he had underestimated Langford's fighting ability. For the first three rounds, Gans outfought and outboxed Langford. In the opening round, a hard right to the mouth sent Langford back on the ropes dazed. He hung on.

In the fourth, Langford took courage and started to force the fighting. The world lightweight king found himself facing a tough foe. Sam weighed 139, Gans about 131. Gans had won the championship by defeating Frank Erne on May 12, 1902 by knocking out Erne in the first round. Gans' fights with Langford was not a title affair.

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THE GREAT LANGFORD fought Jack Blackburn who later became trainer for and who is given credit for Joe Louis' winning the world heavyweight championship from James J. Braddock in Chicago in June, 1937.

Langford and Blackburn fought five times. Joe Jeannette and Langford fought 12 times. Jack McVey and Langford met 15 times.

When Langford fought Jack Johnson 15 rounds in Chelsea, Mass., on April 26, 1906, Sam weighed 156, Johnson, 185. Johnson gave Langford a terrible lacing. Langford was on the floor for the count of nine in the eigthh.

Johnson claimed he had broken his left hand in the second round. An examination. The fight fans who jammed the Lincoln A. C. agreed that Sam took a beating.

Later in life Langford admitted that Jack Johnson gave him the "only real beating I ever took in the ring." And Sam would sadly remark, "but when he won the world heavyweight championship, he dodged me as if I was a poison snake. I guess I was too tough."

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SAM LOST HIS EYESIGHT. He came to Chicago in 1920 and fought Sam McVey in East Chicago under the promotion of the late Jim Mullen of Chicago. That fight, on Aug. 14 of that year, was a no-decision affair of 10 rounds. Boxing in Illinois was not legal then.

A benefit was given at the Eighth Regiment Armory a little later for Langford who realized less than $10 from it. "The Boston Tar Baby", as Sam was affectionately called, used to reminisce:

"He didn't believe that Harry Wills could have beaten Jack Dempsey because Wills had broken the bones once in his hands. "They never do heal right," Sam opined.

An operation failed to restore the sight in one eye and the failing eyesight in the other failed to respond after the surgeon's knife had cut away the scar tissue.

Sam left Chicago for New York, where he became totally blind and dependent on his remaining few friends. Mayor LaGuardia saw that something was done about Sam. Welfare Commissioner Hodgson created a special watchman's post for Langford at the 15th New York Regiment Armory.

Blind, broken in pocketbook and spirit, Langford was taken on several occasions to Pompton Lakes, N. J., where Joe Louis has his training camp in preparation for his fights.

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THE LAST TIME we saw him there, hesaid, "I guess I came along 20 years too soon. Top fighters get as much for one fight as I got for two dozen. I got $10,000 for my bout with Ivan Hague in London. I was paid $7,500 for fighting Hugh McIntosh in Australia and my top in America was about $3,000 from the Gunboat Smith fight in Boston. Most times I got between $150 and $200 for my fights but there was a fight with Joe Jeannette in New Orleans under a Negro promoter. The bout drew $75 and I got one-fourth of that amount."

In 1917, Fred Fulton was winner over Langford on June 19 (Bunker Hill day). In the record book Langford lost in the seventh round. It says Sam quit. Truth was Fulton knocked out part of Sam's left eye and Sam couldn't fight any longer.

Next week: Another chapter in the life of Langford—the ring's "Wonder Man."

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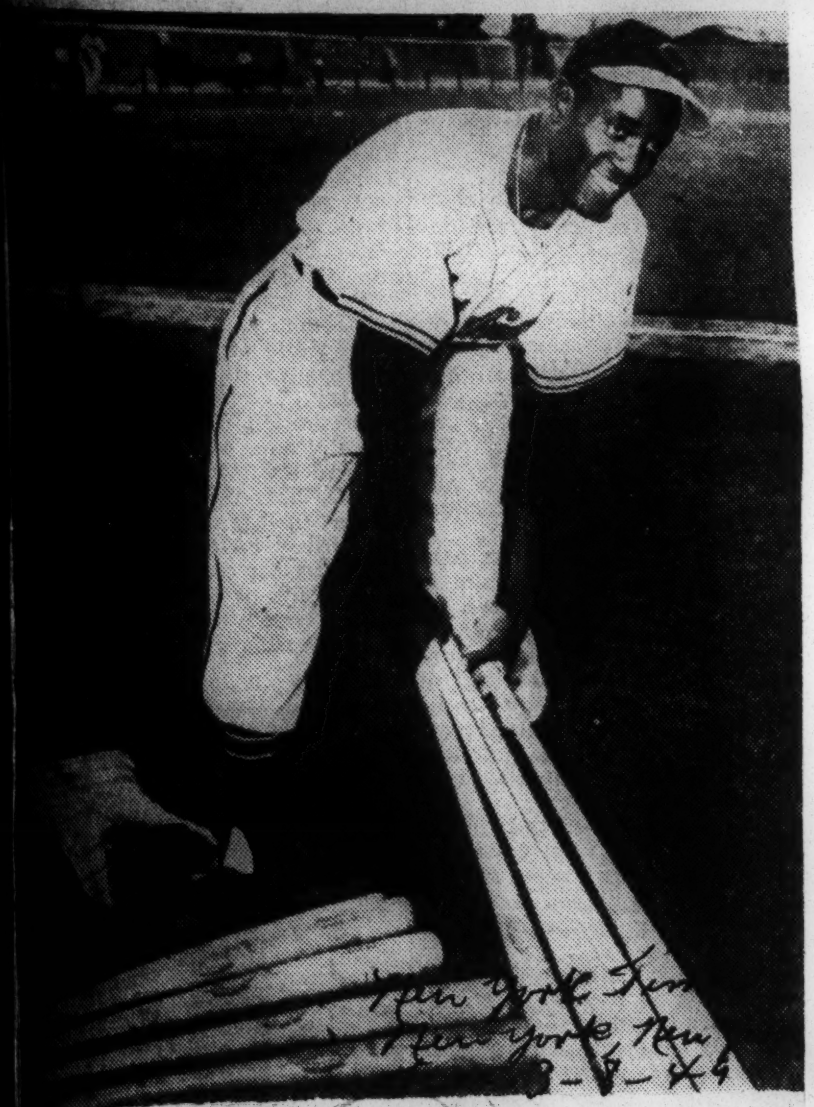

Artie Wilson, making his first appearance in a Cleveland uniform, selects a bat before he steps to the plate at the Tucson, Ariz., camp of the Indians. Associated Press Wirephoto

Gordon of Indians Ends Holdout For Salary Believed Near $40,000

Bearden and Berardino Also Sign Contracts —Wilson, Negro Rookie Shortstop, Says He Hopes to Make Major League This Year

TUCSON, Ariz., March 7 (AP)—Joe (Flash) Gordon finally came to terms with the Cleveland Indians today for a salary believed to be around $40,000. His teammates, Gene Bearden and Johnny Berardino, agreed to end their holdouts, too.

Bill Veeck, president of the Cleveland club, couldn't sign them formally because he didn't have the contract forms around. But that's all that's left to do.

Pitcher Bearden is believed to have agreed to $15,000, and Berardino's salary was an unknown quantity.

Earlier today, Gordon intimated he was holding out for around $50,000.

Now the world champion Indians have these holdouts left: Bob Lemon, Roberto Avila and Hank Ruszkowski.

Rookie Is Confident

Art Wilson, Negro shortstop whom the Indians and the New York Yankees are rowing about, looked at major league baseball through confedent eyes today.

Wilson thinks he can make the big time this year.

"I've hit major league pitching before," he said. "I think I can hit it again."

"In fielding, the balls come at you just about as fast in the leagues in which I've been playing as anywhere else. I didn't have trouble fielding there. I don't think I'll have trouble fielding with the Indians."

Wilson says he can't quite understand the ruckus between the Tribe and Yanks over his services.

"New York made me an offer," he explains. "I didn't accept it. Cleveland came along with another offer. I liked it. I accepted it and signed. That's all there is to it."

The shortstop checked into the Tribe camp Sunday and went through two workouts. Today the Indians rested.

In Good Condition

"It is just a bit over a week since I stopped playing in Puerto Rica, so I'm in pretty good shape," Wilson said.

Puerto Rico won the Cuban league title with Wilson hitting .379 in eighty games.

He has played with the Birmingham Black Barons in the Negro American League since 1944. He won the batting championship the last two seasons, hitting .405 in 1948.

"I feel good—and proud—at having an opportunity to try out for the majors," Wilson explained. "I'm going to do my best. It's going to be like going to school all over again. I know I have a lot—an awful lot—to learn. But again, I think I can do it."

Cleveland Grabs Another Player From N. Y. Yankees

President of American Giants Says Cleveland 'Snatched' Negro Star From His Club, But Homestead Grays Insist He Is Their Property.

By WENDELL SMITH
(Sports Editor)

The battle over Negro players between the New York Yankees and Cleveland Indians roared on this week. The conflict started when Bill Veeck, Indians' boss, signed Art Wilson, Birmingham shortstop, and broke out again last Friday when Cleveland announced the signing of Luis Marquez, brilliant outfielder whom the Yanks allegedly signed some weeks ago.

MARTIN SCREAMS

Meantime, confusion reigned all around Veeck's blond head. While the Yanks were bellowing in the East, J. B. Martin, president of the Negro American League and owner of the Chicago American Giants as well, let out a yelp when he learned Cleveland had signed Lucius Easter, giant outfielder.

Both the Yankees and Martin are going to drop the cases in Commissioner Chandler's lap, the say.

OWNED BY GRAYS

The Yanks contend they purchased Marquez from the Baltimore Elite Giants. Marquez played with the Homestead Grays last season. When the Grays quit the Negro National circuit and the latter folded completely as a result, the Negro American League claimed players on the Grays and the other two teams that quit, namely the Black Yankees and Newark Eagles. At the last meeting of the NAL in Chicago, the names of players on those clubs were placed in a hat and the clubs drew for the players. Martin drew Easter's name and Baltimore drew Marquez. Thus, the two clubs claimed the players.

The catch came, however, when the Grays announced that they were going to play independently this summer. Seeford Posey, secretary, said the Grays would play in Pittsburgh, Washington and Indianapolis. Consequently, he considered Easter and Marquez still the Grays' property. Last week he went to Cleveland and sold their contracts to Bill Veeck. Neither Baltimore nor Chicago ever had contracts on Marquez or Easter. Posey did.

YANKS ANGRY

New York, already peeved because Veeck snatched Wilson from under their noses, will be particularly upset over the Marquez situation because the latter is one of the most promising Negro players in the game. He is only 22 years old, extremely fast and a good hitter.

Martin's claim on Easter will probably go for naught, as will the Yanks' on Marquez. The Yanks purchased Marquez from a club that never had a contract on him. Martin is claiming Easter on the basis that the Grays quit organized Negro baseball and consequently must give up the players they had last year. Chandler will hardly agree with the Chicago owner on that.

Negro Slugger Signed by Tribe

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—(AP)—Lucius (Luke) Easter, 26-year-old Negro outfielder-first baseman, accepted terms from the Cleveland Indians to play for their San Diego farm club.

Cleveland's Signing Of Wilson Termed 'Unethical' By Yankees

President Bill Veeck Threatens Suit Against New York General Manager Weiss

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Bill Veeck of the Cleveland Indians and George [illegible] today in a hot verbal duel over Veeck's signing of Artie Wilson, a Negro shortstop, culminating in a threat by Veeck to sue the Yanks' general manager for [illegible] action. "unethical."

"I'm not sure that that's not a court word." the youthful Cleveland club president declared hotly. "So he's going to protest to Chandler is he? There's nothing I would like better than that. I'll do better than that. I'll [illegible] the player and they had closed a deal

Weiss in a lengthy statement today accused Veeck of having cut some corners in flying down to Puerto Rico yesterday to sign Wilson, after the Yankees had conducted lengthy negotiations with the player and

be in to see the commissioner in Cincinnati in a few days."

Veeck said that all he did was go to Puerto Rico and sign a player whom his scouts had been looking over for a year and who had approached him for a job.

"Wilson said it was the greatest day of his life," he said. "He had previously cabled the Yankees that he would never, never sign to play with their Newark farm club."

A smoldering feud between the two America League clubs burst abruptly into flames when the Yanks announced they were protesting Veeck's action to Commissioner A. B. Chandler and other baseball officials and growled that:

"There is no place in baseball—major league, minor league or Negro league—for tactics of the sort encountered in this case."

Veeck flew down to Puerto Rico yesterday and signed Wilson. Heavy hitting playing manag - of the Mayaguez club of the Puerto Rican League and property of the Birmingham Black Barons of the Negro American League.

The Yankees had announced on Feb. 2 that they expected to sign Wilson, and today they produced a telegram from Tom Hayes, Jr., president o the Birmingham club, in which he agreed to terms. The wire, dated Jan. 29, said:

"Agree to assign Art Wilson contract to Newark (Yankee farm club) for $5,000 on signing and reporting, $5,000 additional if retained June 1, 1949."

As soon as an official protest can be drawn up, the Yankees said they will send all documentary evidence and supporting affidavits to Commissioner Chandler, as well as to George Trautman, president of the minor leagues, and to Dr. J. B. Martin, head of the Negro American League.

As soon as they heard of Veeck's coup yesterday, Yankee officials issued a statement in which they expressed the opinion that the baseball manners of the youthful Cleveland magnate were at least "unethical."

We'll Stay in Same Hotel, Players Tell Doby, Paige

(Special to The Courier)

LOS ANGELES—The sizzling spirit which propelled the Cleveland Indians to the world championship last season flared anew here this week when the entire Tribe squad rallied behind five Negro teammates over the explosive question of hotel accommoda-

According to well informed sources, the entire team threatened to walk out of the fashionable Biltmore Hotel if an investigation proved that the Negro players on the Indian squad had been barred because of their race.

The Negro players are staying at the Watkins Hotel, Negro operated, while the rest of the team is quartered at the Biltmore.

Gene Bearden, brilliant southpaw hurler from Oklahoma, was the alleged leader of the planned revolt.

"If our five Negro players can't stay at the Biltmore with the rest of the team," Bearden reportedly said, "then we'll all walk out. We don't like this kind of thing."

The famous pitcher apparently conducted a personal investigation of the situation and questioned Satchel Paige about it. Bearden said the team had planned a meeting last Saturday morning to determine just what steps to take.

The meeting was called off, however, when Paige informed the protesting Indians that the five Negro players involved had voluntarily registered at the Watkins Hotel. He said the decision to pass up the Biltmore was made by Larry Doby, who was barred from the big hotel last season, and the other players followed him.

Doby said he would not stay at the Biltmore because of the unpleasant experience he had last year. "They didn't want me last year," Doby reportedly said, "and I don't want them this year. The other fellows can go there if they wish."

Besides Doby and Paige, Oreste Minoso, Art Wilson and Roy Welmaker were involved.

players are accepted on the Sportsman's Park field here, but Jim Crow continues to determine where they will live.

While the main body of Cleveland Indians were housed at the Chase Hotel last week, Larry Doby, Satchel Paige, and Orestes Minoso were forced to stay at the Mid-Town Hotel in the "ghetto section" because of their race.

According to Joseph Jones, manager of the Chase, reservations are handled by the Indians. He said that no reservations had been requested for the Negro players. When asked if the hotel would accept Negro guests, he said that no reservations had ever been requested by Negroes.

Want No "Hubbub"

Harold "Spud" Goldstein, whose duty as traveling secretary is to arrange transportation and housing, told a reporter, "We only want to do what is best for our players . . . We don't want to kick up any 'hubbub' or cause any trouble . . . We don't make the policy."

Although Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella of the Dodgers live separately when they play here, it was reported in 1947 that the Chase invited Jackie to live there on his second trip to the city and he refused on the grounds that if they didn't want him the first time he would stay with those who befriended him on that occasion.

It is known that Larry Doby, the leader of the Indians' Negro clan, has taken something of the same stand in Los Angeles where he could have stayed with the team at the Biltmore, but elected to stay at a Negro hotel. The Indians have made few, if any, steps to correct the discriminatory housing situation here, in Chicago, or in Tucson, Ariz., where they trained in the spring.

Harris Touts Negro Catcher

Former Yankee manager Bucky Harris, now piloting the San Diego Padres on the Pacific Coast League yesterday expressed the opinion that the Padres young Negro backstop, John Ritchey, will be the Cleveland Indians' "No. 1 catcher within two years."

Harris, quoted from the PCL club's site in Ontario, California, added that "right now Ritchey is a better backstop than anything the Yanks had last year."

San Diego and the Cleveland-Indians have a player exchange agreement which will probably see Ritchey up with the Tribe in two more seasons.

Segregate 3 'Indians' In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS—Negro ball

An Item of History

Our down home papers are not going to make any contribution to the logic of fair employment practices if they can prevent it, which means that you have got to give an extra dime or dollar to FEP collectors of funds for their propaganda.

For fear you don't get what we mean, we refer to a little story, put together by the ancient Associated Press and appearing in last Monday morning's daily of hereabouts. A head on the little story was "TRIBE WINS PAIR." The word "TRIBE' in this story referred, of course, to the Champion Cleveland Indians. The Indians had won two exhibition baseball games out on the coast—1 to 0 over the Oakland team and 4 to 2 over San Francisco.

This double victory called for putting the pictures of the two star Cleveland pitchers in the paper. And so the gatherer of pictures got one of Gene Bearden and one of Bob Feller to supplement this important item of history. But the news story, itself, indicates to you that the paper left out a picture they most certainly ought to have published just to show that finally they have been convinced that fair employment practices are not anything like the menace to democratic progress that the enemies of FEP say.

Here is what the story said by way of suggesting whose picture ought to have been put in the paper, by all means:

"Bob Feller and ancient Satchel Paige allowed the (San Francisco) Seals only seven hits, five of them off Feller during his five innings on the mound."

The Ancient Associated Press is to be congratulated for providing you with much food for thought by what you can read between the lines of its story. First thing you read between the lines is that Ancient Satchel Paige is a colored baseball pitcher. You recall how Paige pitched the Cleveland Indians into the championship last year with six victories and only one defeat. Cleveland winning the pennant by a one-game margin. And the AP story lets you know that in this fracas with San Francisco, Ole Satchel came into the game and pitched the last four innings, allowing only two hits and not a single run. And for all you know, Satchel might have relieved Bob Feller with the bases loaded. But even so, Ole Satchel couldn't get a job on the Nash-

vols, we betcha.

Wendell Smith's Sports Beat

...Irvin Can Thank Effa Manley...

Although he probably doesn't like it, Monty Irvin, the Negro outfielder, is tied to a woman's apron strings. The strings are owned by baseball's one-woman man, Effa Manley, and they're around Monty's neck so tight he may never realize his dream of playing in the big leagues.

The Dodgers signed Monty recently and had him all signed up for delivery to their St. Paul farm club. Fresco Thompson, the Brooklyn scout who signed him, felt that he would surely click in the American Association and eventually become a member of the Dodgers' outfield. Irvin, an ex-GI, was a happy boy as he contemplated his future and the opportunity to romp in the majors.

But Mrs. Manley stuck her fine feminine hand into the rosy picture and charged that the Dodgers had taken Irvin away from her Newark Eagles without permission. Under ordinary circumstances she might have had a beef, but it so happens that the Newark Eagles are no longer in existence. Mrs. Manley announced three months ago that she was giving up the ball club; that she no longer intended to carry on in Negro baseball.

When Mrs. Manley raised her monotonous howl, Branch Rickey decided that it would be easier to give up Irvin than to insist on the player than become involved in a controversy with a bellowing woman. As a result, Irvin is no longer holding the bag. He is no longer affiliated with the Brooklyn nor is he assured of being with any team in organized baseball. Mrs. Manley claims him, but she has no intention of guaranteeing him a salary for the coming year because she hasn't a ball club.

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...She's Mad About Human Rights

Meantime, the publicity-mad "Queen of Newark" is constantly flaunting herself in the public's face as a leading advocate for human rights and vows that she is going to fight in behalf of the world's underprivileged people. She's going to fight for the rights of all people denied the ordinary human rights which we allegedly inherit at birth.

This two-faced position Mrs. Manley has taken provides us with the biggest laugh we've enjoyed since the funeral of the late Senator Bilbo of Mississippi.

Here is a woman fighting for human rights and at the same time denying a young ball player his right to advance to the major leagues. She does not have a ball club nor can she assure him a salary for the coming year, but she insists on claiming his services. She is keeping him out of baseball on the basis that he played for the team she once operated without success.

What about human rights? What about Monty Irvin's right to live as a ball player, Mrs. Manley?

Fight With Newark

Monty Irvin

Over Player

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — Whatever dreams Monty Irvin, hard-hitting Negro outfielder, had of playing in the major leagues some day they have exploded in his face.

Monty was signed recently by the Brooklyn Dodgers and he was preparing to leave for spring training at Vero Beach, Fla. The Brooklyn braintrust had decided to place him on the St. Paul club, the Dodgers' American Association farm club. "He's just what we need," said General Manager Mel Jones, "now I think we can win the American Association pennant with Monty in our outfield."

JUST A DREAM

Meantime, Irvin was receiving congratulatory messages from friends all over the country and dreaming of the day when he would be playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers in the major leagues.

But all of that was premature. Mrs. Effa Manley, owner of the defunct Newark Eagles, protested the signing of Irvin. She claimed that although she does not have a team in the Negro National League any longer, Irvin is still her property. She charged that the Dodgers violated the reserve clause and "stole" Irvin.

HASN'T A CLUB

Branch Rickey, boss of the Dodgers, denied that he had violated baseball regulations when he signed the big slugger. He pointed that Irvin could not be Mrs. Manley's property because she no longer has a ball club.

But rather than become involved in a legal fight over the young star, Rickey decided to give up his claim on Irvin. "I investigated and found that Mrs. Manley's contention (that she had signed Irvin for this season) is true," Rickey said. "We don't want any player illegally. So I have cancelled the whole transaction. He's still under the reserve clause contract with Newark."

So Monty Irvin remains a member of a ball club that is no longer a ball club. He's a member of the Newark Eagles . . . a team no longer in existence.

Fay SAYS

Who Must Rickey Pay?

THE SIGNING of Monte Irvin, former Newark Eagles infielder and outfielder and former teammate of Larry Doby of the Cleveland Indians by the Brooklyn Dodgers for their St. Paul farm club may bring on some controversy in the Negro American League.

Mrs. Effa Manley, owner with her husband, Abe Manley, of the Newark Eagles, told the public and the Negro American league club owners that she was quitting baseball. Her club was to have been disbanded and the players put in a pool along with those of the Homestead Grays, which also withdrew from the Negro National League, and the New York Black Yankees, out of the Negro National League because of financial difficulties.

Rather than see the Baltimore Elites, the New York Cuban Stars and the Philadelphia Stars "out of the game" and not wanting to take all three in and have a nine-club league, the Negro American League owners voted for a 10-club league and to include Houston, Texas, in the circuit.

Dr. W. H. Young of Memphis and Hugh Cherry of Blytheville, Ark. are the new owners. It was agreed that the Newark Eagles' players be moved as a solid club to Houston and the team be known as the Houston Eagles.

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The question now arises as to whom did Irvin belong to at the time of his signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers. If Mrs. Manley had quit baseball as of the Nov. 20th meeting of the Negro American League, it seems to most of the owners in the Negro American League that Irvin is the property of the Houston club.

However, it may take a Philadelphia lawyer to straighten the matter out because (1) Irvin was playing with the Almendares team of the Cuban Winter League when he was signed; (2) he last played with the Newark Eagles and therefore his last contract was with the Newark Eagles; (3) he had not signed any contract with the Houston Eagles although there isn't any Newark Eagles for 1949, (4) and he is not a free agent.

Baseball fans will sit back and anxiously await two things (1) the settling of the case, (2) and to find out how much money Rickey paid for Irvin and to whom. In the meantime let us call your attention to the fact that Doby was paid $5,000 for the balance of the season of 1947 when he signed in June with Bill Veeck, president of the Cleveland Indians, and was given another $1,000 after he had stayed with the club for 30 days. Mrs. Manley said Veeck paid $15,000 for Doby.

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RICKEY paid Jackie Robinson $5,000 for his 1947 full season with the Brooklyn Dorgers after Robinson had led the International League in batting in 1946. Rickey paid the Kansas City Monarchs not one penny for Jackie Robinson, nor did he pay the Neark Eagles a red cint for Don Newcombe, now with the Montreal club and leading pitcher in the International league

MRS. EFFA MANLEY

Their contracts were
Tom Baird, the owner.
bought Satchel Paige's
also from Baird.
Minosa will come up for
the Cleveland Indians
sent to the Dayton team
batted over .400 and we
there will be other Ne-
ers signed before the
gue umpires cry "play
spring.

Sammy Jethroe of the Monarchs.
Cleveland Buckeyes, now with the
Montreal club and in one-half of
the season the International Lea-
gue's leading base stealer.
He has bought other contracts
among them Roy Partlow of the
Philadelphia Stars and John Wright of the Washington Grays, both of whom were given their releases.
The St. Louis Browns tried out
(for 35 days) Willard Brown, out-
fielder, and Henry Thompson, in-
fielder, both of the Kansas City
Monarchs.
Rickey did buy Dan Bankhead's
contract from Dr. B. B. Martin of
the Memphis Red Sox and the con-

Irvin, Smith Now Giants Property

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By DICK SMYTHE

NEW YORK—Without benefit of assistance from the United Nations, the NAACP or the Supreme Court, democracy took another step towards making baseball America's national pastime last week when Charles Stoneham announced that the New York Giants signed outfielder Monte Irwin and pitcher Ford Smith.

The latter is currently playing with the Santurce Club in the Cuban League. Smith is in Puerto Rico, and could not be reached for comment. Sat-2-5-49

The Giants purchased his contract from the Philadelphia Stars to whom he had been transferred by the Monarchs. He won ten and lost five with the Monarchs and is a former Air Force lieutenant. He is a graduate of the University of Arizona, making his home in Phoenix.

Irvin lives in Orange, N. J., and is 28 years old. A right-hander, he was a star performer at Orange High School and attended Lincoln University (Pa.) for one year. His professional baseball experience was acquired while playing with the Newark Eagles and in the Cuban and Mexican Leagues during the winters. He is a Navy veteran of World War II. Thus far this season, Irvin is leading the league in homers, triples and doubles, with a batting average of .469.

He is 6 feet 1 inch and rated highly for his all-around power, both throwing and hitting. He was an All-State selection in his Jersey school days. Monty is a member of the Almendares Club in the same league Smith is currently playing in.

Stoneham said they have been signed to play with Jersey City, of the International League, and if "they show up well and develop as our scouts believe they will, they will be given the same chance as any other ball player." Stoneham said that he expected both players would spend this year with the farm club before being considered for major league competition.

The New York Yankees are now the only team in the city to be without a Negro player in their organization.

'Greatest Outfield' Will Have Jethroe in Center

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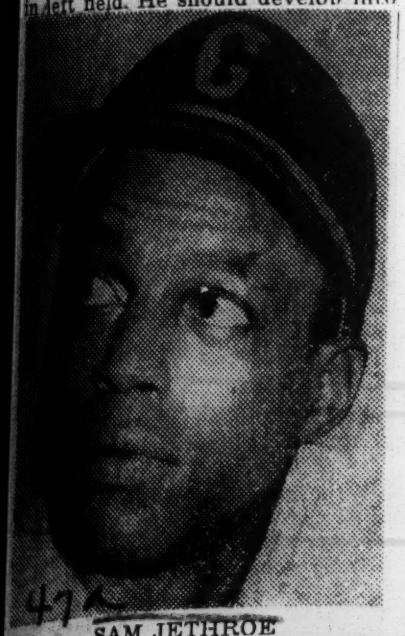
BOSTON, Mass.—Along with the announcement last week of the mammoth baseball deal which sent Willard Marshall, Sid Gordon and two other players to the Boston Braves in exchange for Eddie Stanky and Alvin Dark, came the claims of Boston National League officials and Hub City sports writers that Billy Southworth may have one of the "greatest outfields" of all time in the making.

Already they are comparing the trio, expected to roam the outer garden for the Braves with the Yankee outfields which boasted of Ruth, et al, the famous Cleveland outfields of the Tris Speaker era; the Detroit outfields that were dominated by Ty Cobb and the Pirate fly-chasers of the Max Carey era.

GORDON TO LEFT

While nothing official has been claimed by Southworth as to where Gordon will play, it is believed that he will be shifted from third base to leftfield, playing alongside Sammy Jethroe, the fabulous Montreal recruit, and Willard Marshall.

Marshall and Gordon are two of the most dangerous hitters in the National League. Marshall is a brilliant, hustling ballplayer who consistently hits a long ball, has one of the best throwing arms in the league. Gordon should fill the gap needed in Boston for many years in left field. He should develop into a good fielder and also has a great arm.



SAM JETHROE

Flitting in between these two veterans will be the greyhound striding Jethroe . . . who has already been told that he will hold down the centerfield position for the Braves. And it is Jethroe who could "make" the Boston outfield one of the greatest.

Fastest man in the game today . . . a switch-hitter . . . with the temperament that goes with fielding and hitting greatness, he will roam the outer-pastures for the Braves. His critics say he can't throw, can't get the jump on a batted ball and can't bunt. But his record at Montreal is the most impressive ever made in the Canadian metropolis.

We've seen him play. His admirers go into raptures over him. Of one thing you can feel sure. He'll be a dangerous man . . . at all times . . . on the field.

...mmy Jethro's ...eed Amazes ...branch Rickey

By SAM MALTIN

MONTREAL — Branch Rickey, ...ead of the Brooklyn Dodgers' or...anization thinks that Montreal's ... Jethroe is about the fastest ... baseball. After watching ...wift Samuel, as he has been ...ged by the Star's Lloyd Mc...wan, run opponents dizzy with ... base stealing, Rickey even ...t further than that. He thinks ...'s fast enough to give some of ... world's greatest runners plen...y of competition. In fact, Rickey ...ants to match Jethroe against ...rney Ewell, the cinder celebrity.

Sammy is leading the Interna...nal League in stolen bases, with ...eleven, which is really magnificent, ...considering that he has played in ...only 72 games. Add to this, a cou...le of balks forced on opposing ...chers by Sammy's prancing ...round the bags.

...TING PICKING UP

...JETHROE's hitting has steadily ...icked up and for the first time ... season he has come up to the ... mark. He had to make up ...uch of the lost ground during the ...last two weeks of play. The speedy ...outfielder hits in spurts and when ...he gets hot at the plate, it's hard ...to stop him. It was his great hit...ting that won a doubleheader for ...Royals at the expense of Jersey ...City Little Giants. He came through ...with the winning run in the first ...game after smacking a triple, then ...followed it up with a timely single ...to account for another Montreal ...run.

...His four hits in five times at the ...plate paved the way for another ...victory for the Canadians, this ...time against Syracuse. Despite his ...late start, Jethroe is second ...among the club's hitters with 27 ...runs batted in, while leading the ...team with eight doubles in that ...department and his three triples ...in that department, too, among ...the Royals. Sammy enjoyed a .525 ...batting average for the week.

...In one game against Jersey City, ...Jethroe looked like a one-man ...team. His batting won the game ...for the Royals, while his fielding ...was the major part when ...Jethroe made six hard-hit balls in ...left field and caught them ...all. His throwing arm amazed players and fans alike. He kept all runners practically tied to the bags.

Hopper Says Sam Has More Natural Ability

By SAM MALTIN

MONTREAL—Speedy Sam Jethroe has more natural ability as a baseballer than Jackie Robinson!

Considering what Jackie is doing in the major leagues right now, this is quite a statement to make. But it isn't made by sportswriters or the boys in the back rooms but by none other than Manager Clay Hopper of the Montreal Royals. Hopper was the skipper who handled Robinson when the latter made his debut with the Royals in 1946.

The Hopper statement will stir up plenty of discussion and debate, but it bears listening, as Hopper has proved time and time again his knowledge of baseball talent. It was the Montreal manager who first recognized the real pitching value of Don Newcombe and compared Don to the great Dizzy Dean and Walter Johnson.

Here's the way Hopper compares Jethroe to Robinson.

SAMMY'S FASTER

The Jet (that's the latest monnicker stuck on Sammy by sportwriter Al Parsley) has greater speed and will likely set a new all-time mark in stolen bases. Jethroe will likely be Robinson's equal in hitting. If Sammy doesn't lead the league he'll probably be close to it by the time the final figures show up. Right now he's setting the pace in triples, total hits, runs scored and is one double behind the leading two-base hitter.

There's only one feature in which Robinson bests Jethroe, according to Hopper. It is his flaring competitive spirit. Jethroe is not accused of taking things too easily. He just doesn't show it as Robinson does, which is so outstanding with Jackie.

Hopper claims that Jethroe is the fastest man he has ever seen. Jethroe did something at Newark recently that Hopper says he has never seen duplicated in the latter's long baseball career.

"He scored from second base on an infield out. The ball was hit over the pitcher's head. The latter caught the ball back of the mound and threw to first. Jethroe crossed the plate without having to slide."

In another game, Sammy was on third when a teammate cracked a line drive directly to the first baseman. the latter looked at Jethroe before moving to tag the bag, but he shifted the ball into his glove and Jethroe was away and the Newark first baseman couldn't get the ball back into his throwing hand in time to catch Jethroe.

Jethroe's Double Wins for Royals

Outfielder's Big Bat Paces Royals to Lead

MONTREAL — Sam Jethroe doubled with two out in the tenth inning, scoring Rocky Bridges, who had singled, to give the Montreal Royals a 9-8 victory over the Rochester Reds, Saturday.

The victory put the Royals in the lead, 3-0, in the International League playoffs.

Jethroe shared batting honors for the day with Steve Bilko, Reds' firstsacker. Sam also scored twice.

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—Sam Jethroe blasted a home run and Dan Bankhead hurled brilliantly in the pinches, here, Wednesday night, as the Montreal Royals defeated the Rochester Red Wings, 9-5, in the opening game of the International League play-off series.

The victory put the Royals ahead 1-0 in the best-four-out-of-seven-game in the series for the Governor's Cup.

Jethroe Homers Again for Royals

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Sam Jethroe hit his second home run in as many days here Thursday as the Montreal Royals moved into a 2-0 lead in the International League play-off series with a 3-1 victory over the Rochester Red Wings.

Jethroe's blow in the fifth inning knotted the count at 2-all for the Royals, who put across the winning tally in the tenth. Jethroe also stole two bases, collected another hit, and scored a run in four trips to the plate.

Jethroe Paces Montreal Team

By SAM MALTIN

MONTREAL — The Jet tore his flashing spikes across Montreal baseball record books to establish a new team record for stolen bases. Sammy Jethroe set a new mark with sixty-eight stolen bases and is now shooting for a new modern record for the International League as a whole and needs only seven more to make it. There's little chance of Sammy missing out on that, despite the fact that he hasn't averaged his usual number of steals, coming through with only three for the week. This is the second week in a row that had Sammy stopped with only a trio of stolen bases.

With the season progressing steadily to the closing date, swift Sammy is still uppermost among major league scouting gentry as the minor league lad most likely to succeed as a big looper. The latest note of affection aimed at Jethroe is that fact that he has 66 runs batted in to his credit. Now that may not sound like much for the second best hitter in the International League, but one must remember that his job is to score them as the leadoff batter and not bring them in. It ranks among the highest bunch of runs batted in in the history of the league for a leadoff batter. At the same time he hasn't fallen down on his job of scoring them, with a mark of 123.

Another remarkable factor is Jethroe's steady batting average. While some leaders kept going up or down, Sammy has held his .330 average for the third straight week. He came up and down during the week, but comes the day for the accounting and Jethroe finds himself with the same .330, not a point less or more.

Jethroe enjoyed one of his best days in a double tilt against Newark Bears when he came up with seven hits in nine trips to the plate, getting three for four in the opener and making it four for five in the added attraction. He scored four counters and brought in another three in the twin attraction.

His thirteen bingles for the week included six extra bases to add to his lead as the best tripler in the loop with a mark of fourteen and his thirty-one doubles ties him with Bobby Morgan for the lead in that department. He's still tops in three other listings. His 123 runs, 162 hits and 68 stolen bases puts him way out in the lead.

In the forty-seven games Jethroe has played in since July 1, he has failed to hit in only five of the tilts and if he keeps up this average he may surpass the league record for hits, which stands at the 206 mark, set in 1946 by another Montrealer, Roland Gladu.

Jethroe has come through with great fielding gems and the fans are still talking about his amazing shoe-string catch in short centerfield of what looked like a "sure" hit by Ray Noble, Jersey's Negro catcher. In the three-game series with the Little Giants, Jethroe was practically a one-man defense team. He was credited with fourteen put outs and one assist.

Sammy's proposed race with Harrison Dillard has fallen through, despite all efforts on the part of general-manager Buzz Bevasi. The latter has been trying to match the two fleet-footed Negro runners since Jethroe beat Barney Ewell here a few weeks ago. Dillard would be willing to match strides with baseball's fastest human, but the AAU of A ruled that it would consider the race as professional and that put a stop to it as Dillard isn't interested in the moneyed ranks as yet.

Meanwhile, the guessing game on Jethroe's sale to a major league club is continuing, with the parent Brooklyn Dodgers admitting the fact that swift Sammy is for sale but he'll only go for a high price.

Sam Jethroe Fined $100

Accused of Loafing; Suspension Lifted

STAR 'RUNS HOT'

Cites Hitting, Base-Stealing, Scoring

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

Sammy Jethroe may or may not have to pay the $100 fine plastered on him by Manager Clay Hopper of the Montreal Royals late last week.

If he doesn't, that will be just ducky. But if he does, Jethroe, in all probability, will feel that the satisfaction he got out of the incident will be well worth the cost.

"I think I got a rough deal," Sammy told this writer Sunday morning, a few hours before he

Hopper during the intermission between Friday night's doubleheader with the Syracuse Chiefs at Montreal. He had committed an error on a drive to centerfield, and this error is believed to have provoked the Royal manager's anger. Hopper rapped the player in a meeting in the club-house and at times. I don't always come through in the pinch. Maybe of during the course of a game. But ing me. When I'll throw to a wrong hell knows I'm in there trying all wet.

"I make errors, yes. I strike out or any one of a number of other things that come to any player used some other excuse for jumping me. When he accused me of 'not hustling,' I told him he was Sammy told the AFRO. But it'l put on a uniform until I get back wouldn't have been if Hopper had in the dressing-room under the

Cites Record

"They can criticize me for errors, missing signals, striking out s a signal. But there's every minute. And my record er the sun who can bears me out in that. nobody under the "Up to now, I've stolen 71 bases, affair, and Jethroe was fined and base or miss a sign suspended indefinitely. say I'm not hustling from the time

Called Insubordinate

Jethroe was reprimanded by "Maybe it was insubordination,

only three short of the league record. You don't play like that when you're not hustling. I've been better than .320 all year at the bat and I've scored more runs than anybody in Triple-A baseball. That includes the International League, American Association and the Pacifice Coast League.

"If you call it 'popping off' because you snap at somebody for saying you're not hustling when you have a record like that, then I guess I 'popped off.' I guess I was insubordinate.

"In the game in question, I handled six chances which is slightly better than average for any outfielder in a seven-inning contest. (International League rules call for 7-inning games as the first of twilight-night doubleheaders).

Just Kept Talking

"The ball I flubbed was a low, well-hit line drive by Sam Mele. I thought I did well to get to it. I missed catching it, that's all. I don't have any alibi for that. But if I hadn't been 'hustling' I'd never have gotten close to it.

"Hopper put the 'not hustling' business on me and I started talking. He told me to shut up. I kept talking. He said it would cost me $50. I told him that was all right but that I still thought he was all wet with his 'not hustling' charge. He told me to shut up. I kept talking.

"Then he said it would cost me $100. I told him that was still all right as long as he heard what I wanted to say. He then threatened to fine me everything I'd earn this season and suspend me, too.

Ignores Bankhead

"Dan (Bankhead) tried to quiet me, but I went right on. I told Hopper to go ahead and give me the works, I still felt I had a right to defend myself against the kind of stuff he was putting on me.

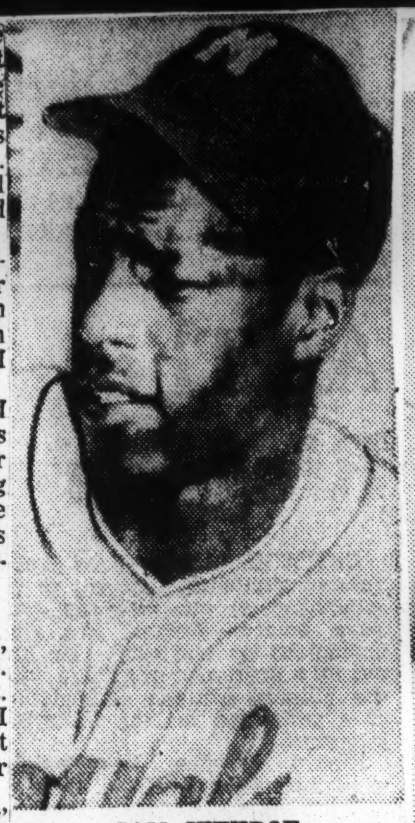
"He said, 'all right, you asked for it. Get dressed and go home and don't come back.'

"I got dressed and went up to the office to see Buzzy Bavasi (Montreal business manager). But he told me to go home. They wouldn't even let me stay and watch the second game. Buzzy said he couldn't do or say anything to me until an investigation was made.

"Saturday night, Bavasi called me up and told me to report for Sunday's game. I don't know whether the fine sticks or not. All I know is that I was reinstated in time for Sunday's game with Toronto."

Second Hopper Rhubarb

The rhubarb with Jethroe was the second inside of a month in which Hopper has figured with one of his players. During the Royals' recent Southern tour, the Montreal pilot fined and suspended George Schmees, likeable right-



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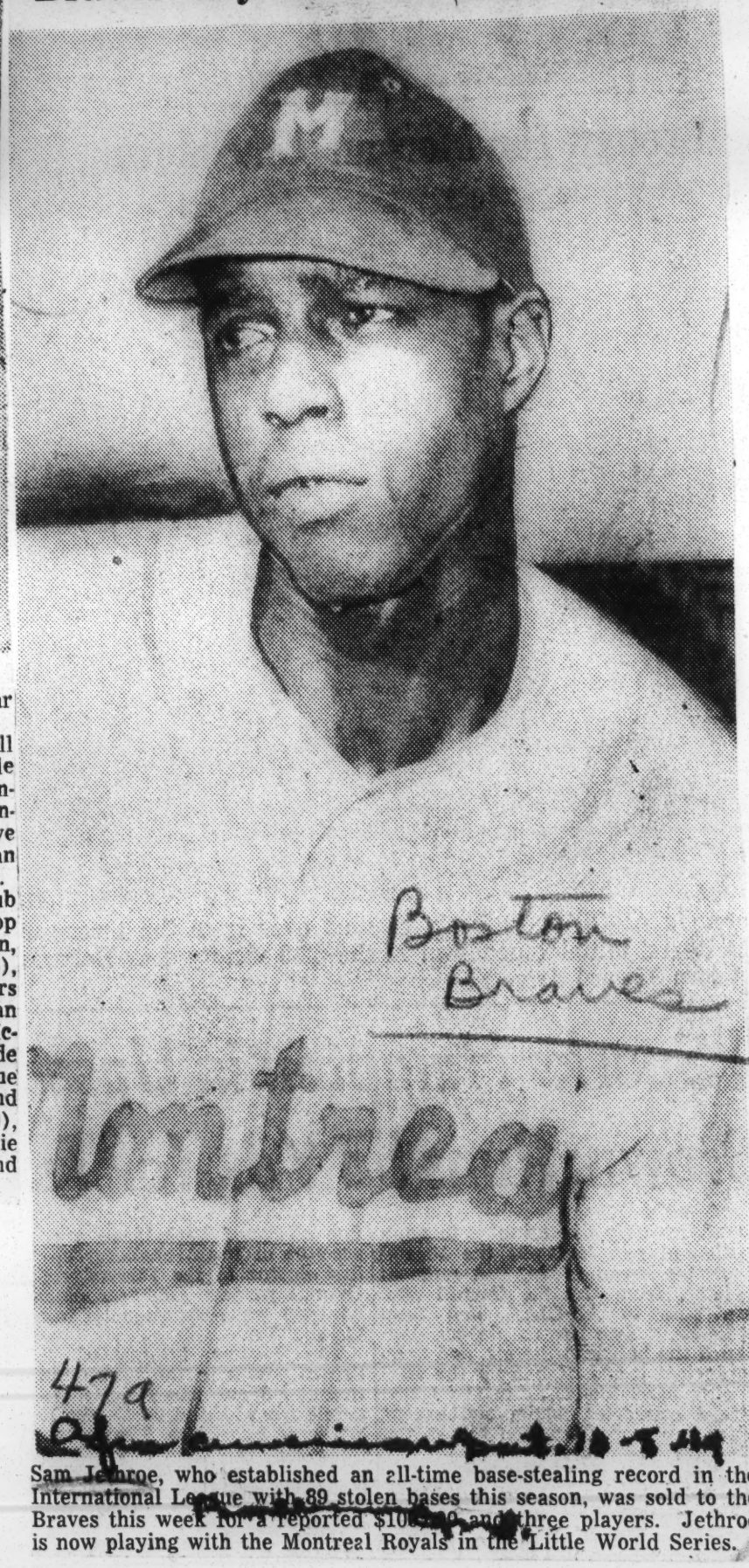
fielder of the club, on a similar charge of "not hustling."

It is suspected in some baseball quarters that Hopper is irritable because the Royals, generally conceded the top contender for International League honors, have not been able to play better than second-division ball this season.

This despite the fact the club possesses the league's two top hitters in Shortstop Bob Morgan, white (.354), and Jethroe (.336), and three of the leading pitchers in Clyde King, white, (15-3), Dan Bankhead (15-4), and Pat McGlothin, white, (13-5). Beside this, the Royals are pacing the loop in club batting with .281, and are third in club fielding (.969), one percentage point behind a tie for first between Rochester and Buffalo at .970.

Braves Buy Base-Stealing Champ



Sam Jethroe, who established an all-time base-stealing record in the International League with 89 stolen bases this season, was sold to the Braves this week for a reported $10[illegible] and three players. Jethroe is now playing with the Montreal Royals in the Little World Series.

Rickey Delays Sale Of Jethroe To Major Leagues, Says Frank Lane

White Sox General Manager Frank Lane declared last week that Branch Rickey is postponing the major league debut of Montreal's Sammy Jethroe.

Lane told ANP that he was interested in the fastest man in baseball and would like to purchase him at a reasonable price. But the shadow of Branch Rickey, Dodger president, has again fallen across the contract table.

"Jethroe is no spring chicken," said Lane, "and if Mr. Rickey asks —a publicized $200,000 for his services, he is doing Jethroe a disservice.

PRAISES JETHROE

"I think Jethroe had enough on the ball to have been given a break in the majors last season. I saw him in the little world series between the best of the International League and the American Association.

"He is probably the fastest man in uniform I've ever seen. But who is going to pay an exorbitant price for a man that has not been tested in the majors."

According to reliable sources, the White Sox wanted to purchase Jethroe last year, but Rickey placed a $40,000 price tag on his head. This year, the price has been rumored up to the $300,000 scale.

AGREE WITH LANE

Meanwhile, in Chicago, the White Sox executive is not alone in his opinion of Rickey's handling of Jethroe. Many Negroes, who like Rickey better than they do the White Sox front office, agree with Lane on this point.

Lane told ANP, "Jethroe is not only the property of a baseball team, he is also a human being with a future of his own. Apparently baseball is his business, and he should not be kept in the minors for the best years of his life. Mr. Rickey should consider that when he talks shop about Jethroe."

Branch Rickey, Jr., and Lane met in Cleveland last week to begin negotiations, but nothing final was decided, according to Lane.

Royals Put Sam Jethroe In Doghouse

MONTREAL — The fleetness of Sammy Jethroe, crack outfielder of the Montreal Royals, was not fast enough to avoid a fine and suspension plastered on him last week by Manager Clay Hopper.

The suspension, resulting from insubordination, was made Thursday night following the first game of a scheduled double-header with the Syracuse Chiefs.

Although details of what happened in the clubhouse between games were not immediately made public, it was understood that Jethroe resented criticism of his play and Hopper immediately handed out the fine and suspension.

Jethroe, property of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is one of the most sought-after players in the International League. The fleet centerfielder is hitting a lusty .345 and has 60 stolen bases to his credit. Experts are already predicting that he will break the league record in base stealing.

Only recently Branch Rickey, president of the Dodgers, was quoted as asking $200,000 for the outfielder although Sammy is not a spring chicken.

Before he was brought by the Dodgers and sent to Montreal in 1948, Jethroe was a member of the Cleveland Buckeyes in the Negro American League.

Two Baseball Critics Differ on Jethroe's Chances in Majors

Two rival baseball writers who cover International League clubs for their respective papers have provided different opinions on the question, "Will Sam Jethroe become a big league star?"

Cy Kritzer of the Buffalo Evening News declares Jethroe "may make the majors but not as a headliner," while Lloyd McGowan of the Montreal Star thinks Speedy Sam will prove a greater attraction than Jackie Robinson."

The two discuss the merits and demerits of Jethroe, former Montreal Royals outfielder, who has been purchased by the Boston Braves, in an interesting article in this week's Sporting News.

Interesting sidelight to the feud between the two literary duelists is that McGowan cites Jethroe's record of 89 stolen bases in 153 games for the Rayols, 152 runs and 208 hits for a .328 average and adds "Jethroe doesn't run just for the sake of running. He knows when he has a good 'jump' on the pitcher, a fact that was proved when he purloined the plate nine times during the recent season."

He also writes "eJthroe is a much better fielder than he was when he joined the Royals from the Cleveland Buckeyes in midseason of 1948. It must be admitted that he doesn't start too quickly

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for balls hit in front of him. He can go a mile for others. There are no other flaws apparent in his repertoire defensively.

"I firmly believe that Jethroe will prove a greater attraction in the majors than Robinson, whom I predicted would be a sensation three years ago."

Won't Be Headliner

Kritzer writes "Sam Jethroe, fastest man in baseball and probably the fastest base runner of modern times, has as much physical equipment as Robinson, but he isn't as smart. He won't work like Jackie to improve himself. It is my opinion that the 29-year-old Jethroe is at the peak of his ability and will fade quickly within a season or two.

"Jethroe probably will stick aroun the majors a few years, but I doubt whether he will reach stardom or bat .300 in the Big Show."

Kritzer then declares that Jethroe can't bunt, is weak on a high, tight pitch when batting lefthanded and a sucker for a low breaking curve when he switches to the right side of the plate, and finally that Sam "doesn't have that all-consuming desire or appetite" for the game.

In conclusion, the Buffalo writer says "Jethroe may make the majors, but not as a headliner."

Tribe buys Negro hurler for Wilkesbarre; shifts three from there to San Diego

CLEVELAND — Sam "Red" Jones, former speedball pitcher of the Cleveland Buckeyes, of the Negro American League, was bought by the Cleveland Indians last week for their Wilkesbarre, Pa., farm club. Reported price: $4000.

Last season, Jones played with the Rochester, Minn., semi pros, a mixed white and Negro outfit, and pitched two no-hit games.

Todate, Jones is the only Negro scheduled for the Wilkesbarre roster in the Spring. The other three Negroes the club had last season have been brought up by Cleveland and are slated to report for work to the San Diego Padres, of the Pacific Coast League, with whom they seasoned slugging Luke Easter last season.

The three are Roy Welmaker, pitcher; and Alonzo Smith and Henry Simpson.

Defense Of Negro Leagues

Effa Manley, former owner of the Newark Eagles, compassioned plea for Negro baseball in a statement Negro Newspaper Publishers Association last week. Manley, one of the most astute women in sports, warned organized Negro baseball today stands at the cross-

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There is no question of Mrs. Manley's sincerity in asking support of Negro leagues. She is no longer officially in ball and apparently has no axes to grind one way or the Yet honest, and impartial thinking finds it hard to Mrs. Manley as the spokesman for the Negro Leagues us at a loss why Dr. J. B. Martin, who holds the offices president, secretary and treasurer of the Negro American did not take up the cudgel for the owners, managers players, who apparently have more at stake than Manley.

Notwithstanding this, we agree with Mrs. Manley that we fail to support our Negro leagues in this crucial period may be hastening the day when no Negroes are in the

We believe that our sportswriters, newspapers, owners every one ought to "get together on a common basis" that "sportswriters on Negro publications should evi- the same enthusiasm towards our Negro leagues and players competing in them."

Most of all, the necessity of establishing some type of tionship between the major leagues and the present Ne- baseball leagues is a must.

The major leagues should be restrained from "pirating Negro leagues without compensating the owners for their

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Mrs. Manley's argument skipped over other sellable She ignored welfare measures designed to aid the such as standardized wages, insurance, pensions, first transportation, liveable housing facilities for players, acceptable working conditions. She was indifferent to as the owners could institute, such as regularly games, eliminating bickering by managers, play- and umpires, tightening play on the field, more hustle, liveness and skill in play, and a program of recruit- skilful, and talented players, as well as cement- relationship with the public by sponsoring Knothole days, benefits for local charities and other in- of goodwill in the various communities.

regret that Mrs. Manley did not cite to the publish- are businessmen, the facts of how much money is the clubs in advertising teams in their newspapers managers and players spend money in cafes, stations, pressing and cleaning establishments owned by Negroes.

not have been to the credit of Negro baseball to that the major leagues are making an honest compensate Negro baseball leagues for their play- specifically cite Monte Irwin, Henry Thompson, San Doby, and many others who were purchased sovereignty of the Negro leagues had been estab- was done despite a maze of mismanagement and ership evident in the leagues themselves.

purpose of widening the gap between Ne- gro and white leagues at this time? The N. Y. Giants only this Spring made the N. Y. Cubans, a farm affiliate which paid off when David "Impo" Barnhill and Ray Dandridge were sold to Minneapolis. Was not this a step in the direction Mrs. Manley asks?

We believe Mrs. Manley's plea is a valid one. We should at once step-up the campaign to save our leagues. However, let us all walk together in this direction.

Negro Baseball Is At Crossroads—Mrs. Manley

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(Editor's Note—Mrs. Effa Manley, former owner of the Newark Eagles, gave the following statement to the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association during its meeting in Washington, D. C., June 16-18.)

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By MRS. EFFA MANLEY
For the NNPA News Service

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Organized baseball today, stands at the crossroads. The success or failure of the teams to draw this year, may determine the future of our Negro leagues. The past two seasons have seen our Negro fans desert our ball parks to follow the exploits of Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella of Brooklyn and Larry Doby of the Cleveland Indians.

This season the trend of our fans still is toward the major league parks, and unless a real campaign is launched to retain their interest in Negro baseball, our Negro leagues may be unable to continue operating. It is this situation which impels me to release to the Negro publishers this statement as an individual who has owned a team in organized Negro baseball for the past 15 years. I am firmly convinced that if organized Negro baseball is to be saved, the Negro press will have to save it. This poses the question: "Is Negro baseball worth saving?"

DEVELOP PLAYERS

The answer to that question can be found in the number of players who were developed in our leagues and are now making good in the majors. It is hardly necessary for me to remind you that Robinson, Campanella, Doby, Paige and Newcombe are all products of organized Negro baseball. If Negro fans want to see our boys in the majors after the present group have ended their careers, then it is necessary that they support our Negro leagues which discover and develop players capable of playing in the majors.

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If we fail to support our Negro leagues in this crucial period we may be hastening the day when no Negroes will be playing in the majors. The boys cannot make the jump from sandlot baseball into the big leagues without going through a period of development such as they are given in the Negro leagues. It is also evident that there will not be a sufficient number of our boys scattered throughout the minor league chains to meet the situation. At present we have ten clubs in the Negro American League, and eight in the American Association that employ about 350 ball players, all being paid substantial salaries, receiving training and competition that inspires them to give their best. This is the only practical source for future Robinson and Dobys.

I believe that some affirmative steps must be taken by those of us who want Negro baseball to survive.

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE

My point is this: some steps must be taken to establish a firm relationship between the major leagues a the present Negro baseball leagues.

Unless something is done we are now seeing the last crop of Negro players in the big leagues. They have killed themselves off, because at the same time Negro professional baseball is being killed.

We must never lose sight of the fact that the origin of Negro baseball as it is presently constituted was born of discrimination. We would never have had all-Negro teams, or even all Negro audiences if it had not been for the Jim Crow practices all of us have sought to eliminate.

If the signing of Negro baseball players means a step in that direction, we must not let its very accomplishment be the factor which will defeat us for all time. We are at the crossroads. The future of Negro baseball is at stake.

The Negro press has a very definite responsibility in helping to preserve the leagues. If the sports writers on your publications will evidence the same enthusiasm toward our Negro baseball leagues and our colored boys playing in these organizations, as they do about the feats of the Negro players in the white major leagues, the future of Negro baseball will not be in jeopardy. If they will give us the space, coverage and buildup, the fans will give us the support necessary to make the Negro teams financially successful.

Newspapers, fans, owners, and everyone interested in the welfare of our people must get together on a common basis. We must do something and do it immediately. Otherwise Negro baseball is in great danger of folding . . . and that must never happen.

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First Base—E. Robinson, 801; Vernon, 793; Fain, 100; Goodman, 66.
Second Base — J. Gordon, 997; Doerr, 312; Michaels, 311; Suder, 65; Priddy, 45.
Third Base—S. Gordon, 502; Kazak, 488; Elliott, 313; Gustine, 301; Cox, 100; Ryan, 56.
Third Base—Kell, 882; Dillinger, 619; Pesky, 205; Majeskie, 54.
Shortstop — Joost, 582; Stephens, 507; Rizzuto, 408; Boudreau, 263.
Catcher—Tebbetts, 780; Berra, 431; Regan, 429; Rosa, 120.
Outfielders—Williams, 1652; Doby, 1652; D. DiMaggio, 907; Henrich, 904; Mitchell, 101; Chapman, 66.

Jackie, Campy, Doby in Lead in All-Star Voting

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Dodgers Keystoner Pulls Away; Afro Readers Vote Heavily for Tan Trio; 1st Tally Herewith

By SAM LACY, AFRO Sports Editor

CHICAGO—Jackie Robinson continued his sensational vote-getting in the second week of the Major League All-Star game balloting by the All-Star game report, forwarded Chicago Tribune he tallying 93,352 votes as of Saturday night.

The Brooklyn Dodgers' second baseman was second only to Ted Williams, glamour boy of the Boston Red Sox, in total number of pointsh pulled. Jackie was setting the pace as the National League choice for the keystone, leading his nearest rival, Red Schoendienst, of the St. Louis Cardinals, by nearly 20,000 votes. Schoenliensi, up to Saturday night, had collected a total of 75,103 ballots for the assignment.

Roy Campanella, Jackie's teammate on the Dodgers, also showed vote-pulling ability, going ahead of the Phillies' Andy Seminick in mid-week, but tailing off slightly as the week folded. The stellar Bums' backstopper still holds an excellent chance to make the Na-

NATIONAL LEAGUE
First Base—Waitkus, 754; Hodges, 516; Mize, 380; Stevens, 99; Fletcher, 8; Kluszewski, 3.
Second Base — Robinson, 1291; Schoendienst, 1047; Dark, 349; Stanky, 137.
Shortstop—Reese, 1047; Dark, 349; Marion, 188; Stallcup, 115; Kerr, 21.
Catcher—Campanella, 1095; Cooper, 366; Seminick, 142; Salkeld, 109; Edwards, 48.
Outfielders — Musial, 859; Kiner, 417; Snider, 205; Ashburn, 159; Slaughter, 110; Marshall, 10.

Defender Readers Help Robby, Roy And Doby To Star Berths

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By CHUCK DAVIS

There'll be baseball in Brooklyn, July 12, like the baseballingest town in the world has never seen before and the reason is that Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella and Larry Doby have been selected by the fans to play in the 16th annual Major League All-Star Game.

When the National League Stars take to the field under the guidance Billy Southworth, Jackie Robinson, the most popular player in the National League, will be on second base.

Before nine innings have passed, Roy Campanella, steady-going rifle-armed catcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers probably will relieve Andy Seminick, the fans' first choice, behind the plate.

By the same token, Larry Doby, Cleveland centerfielder, will likely see action. Larruping Larry was the fans' fifth choice in a six-man outfield, which, in effect, is as good as a second choice. The fact that he plays center and right with equal skill means that he may relieve either Dominick DiMaggio or Tommy Henrich, in the course of the game for the American Leaguers, whom Lou Boudreau will pilot.

This year's game is history making, not only because Jackie Robinson made the first team, and Campanella and Doby were second choices, but because it proves the popularity of Negro players in the major leagues.

About Robinson and Campanella, there can be no question that they deserve the spots they won on the basis of 1949 performance. There can be a question about Doby's 1949 showing. The vote expressed the sense of fair play and willingness to give Negro athletes a "break" that characterizes all true sports-lovers.

Sat. 7-9-49

Although Jackie Robinson was the second most popular man in baseball on the basis of 1,891,212 votes to Ted Williams' 2,087,446, this year's poll may indicate that he is far and away the most popular player in the national pastime.

Fans who voted for Williams could also vote for two other men for outfield posts before the matter of second choice came up. Actually Dale Mitchell of the Cleveland Indians was the second choice for leftfield, the position Tall Ted will start in. Mitchell polled 1,211,327 ballots.

Fans who voted for Jackie Robinson had to decide between two principal contenders, Robbie and Red Schoendiest of St. Louis. Schoendiest garnered 1,053,118 tallies, or 838,094 less than Robinson. Mitchell polled nearly a million votes less than Williams. The fourth man in the second bast balloting, however, was more than 1,450,000 below Robinson.

Larry Doby spurted in the race in the last four days of balloting. On Sunday he was in seventh place. Incomplete returns Thursday morning moved him up to sixth, and on Saturday, the final count placed him fifth, and a sure shot for the contest.

DEFENDER READERS HELP

Defender readers, 10,565 of them, figured heavily in boosting Doby's standing. A total of 11,096 Defender readers voted for Jackie Robinson, and 9,982 voted for Roy Campanella, who, although an excellent workman behind the plate and a dangerous hitter, lacked the color of Robinson and Larry.

Because he is not a long ball hitter, Robinson may yield to Ralph Kiner in the cleanup spot, but up to Sunday, his batting average with men on base was .412, while his hitting average was 367. He also had 60 runs batted in.

Roy Campanella leads all National League catchers in runs, hits, and doubles, and is second to Seminick only in homers and runs batted in. He has thrown out 13 of the 17 men who tried to steal on him this season.

Following is the starting lineup for the game, the batting averages and the votes cast for them by readers of the Defender.

	National League		
1B	J. Mize	.244	3,082
2B	J. Robinson	.365	11,096
3B	E. Kazak	.312	1,545
SS	H. Reese	.320	8,361
CF	S. Musial	.303	4,840
RF	W. Marshall	.304	3,749
LF	R. Kiner	.347	3,322
C	A. Seminick	.280	621
	American League		
1B	E. Robinson	.299	3,088
2B	C. Michaels	298	3,740
3B	G. Kell	.353	3,746
SS	E. Joost	.303	2,643
LF	T. Williams	.320	5,280
CF	D. MiMaggio	.331	682
RF	T. Henrich	.289	4,437
C	G. Tebbetts	.323	1,184

Had the men selected by the majority of Defender readers made the first team, the lineup would be as follows.

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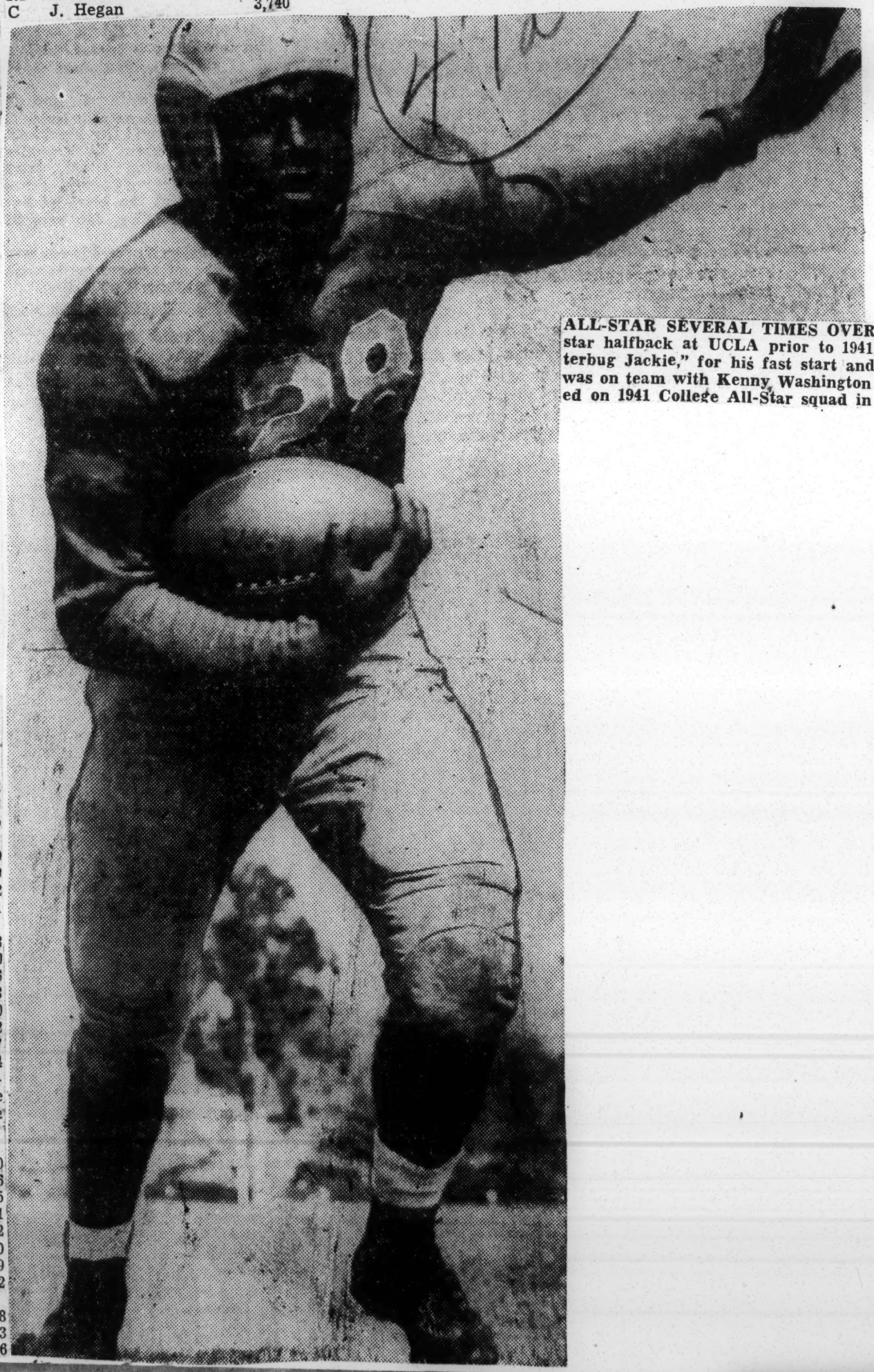
2B	J. Gordon	4,623
3B	G. Kell	3,746
SS	L. Boudreau	3,034
LF	T. Williams	5,280
CF	L. Doby	10,565
RF	T. Henrich	4,437
C	J. Hegan	3,740



ALL-STAR SEVERAL TIMES OVER—photo is of Jackie Robinson star halfback at UCLA prior to 1941, when he was known as "Flivverbug Jackie," for his fast start and swivel-hipped running. Jackie was on team with Kenny Washington ond Woodrow Strode. He played on 1941 College All-Star squad in annual game at Chicago.

McDaniels Deal Ends Uphill Fight

LOS ANGELES—The re- signing of pitcher Book- McDaniels by the Los An- baseball club cli- more than a decade of sistent effort on the part many of us to make or- baseball truly the American pastime.

The Chicago Cub-Angel organiza- has been one of the most stub-

With Wrigley Field situated as it Los Angeles, and with a large minded Negro population to from, the Angels should have among the first in line.

we watch the scores of major minor league baseball games note the splendid progress made by tan athletes every- we think back to some of not so pleasant experiences with seeing this worth- campaign through. We can ember when a former manager Chicago White Sox all but to discuss the matter of Baseball Players Day at Park, Pasadena. Jackie son and Nate Moreland were and this manager ducked of taking a picture with them ing a statement.

THING HAPPENS

followed him all over the to no avail.

Then there was an ex-Los Ange- Angels pilot who turned every of the rainbow when the of the club at that time to permit two Negro players "work out" with the Angels in training. It was agreed they to be signed but just per- to toss a few around so manager might get a line on ability.

manager gave every excuse world why this would cause eruption on the squad. He and fussed and finally said wouldn't be responsible for what happen. The president was to call off the noble experi-

manager by the way has Negro players on his club today.

THER INCIDENT

there was the incident was tops for stupidity and

the dogged efforts of fellow scribe Halley persuaded the nager to give Chet Brewer and another player a chance with the Oaks when the team came to Los Angeles for a series.

Came the appointed day at the park and the Oaks were loosening up at the park. They were mired in last place and were having a morning drill to help get them back on the beam.

Brewer, Harding and I came to the park. We advised the manager, a former New York Giant third baseman of Portuguese extraction, of our mission. Indignantly he said he didn't believe the general manager had made any such promises to us.

We pooled our slim resources and put through a long distance call to Oakland.

The general manager was a man of his word and forthrightly declared what he had said before still went. We called said manager to the phone so he could get the tidings first hand.

SHOUTS OUT

He fumed and fretted on the phone, turned red, white and blue so to speak—finally gathering himself with trembling lips and mixed emotions, he shouted over the phone to the general manager, "I won't do it! I'll quit baseball first!" slammed down the receiver and swept by us as Harding roared like a lion at him.

He returned to the playing field and that ray of hope went up in smoke.

This man is presently coaching a college independent team.

But we never stopped trying, and proof of this is the presence of Luke Easter, Orestes Minoso, John Ritchey, Frank Austin, Artie Wilson and the rest in the Pacific Coast League. And now they are proving themselves on the field and in the box office. We'd like to relate other interesting incidents concerning this fight for progress.

You might or might not be surprised at the pro and con sentiments expressed by certain of our local daily press sports writers on the subject of the integration of Negroes in organized baseball.

Suffice to say, the great majority of the unbelievers have been converted and the good fight has been won.

Our strongest hope is that our athletes will forever prove themselves worthy, be graceful winners and good losers.

From the very beginning we were basically contending for an opportunity to make good. Who could ask for anything more?

'Cannonball' McDaniels Wins Third in Row for Los Angeles Angels

By HERMAN HILL

LOS ANGELES—Booker (Cannonball) McDaniels, Los Angeles Angel twirler won his third straight Pacific Coast League start, and his second victory over Seattle here Sunday before a crowd of more than 16,000 fans at Wrigley Field. The score was 7-5.

McDaniels was not around at the finish as he was relieved by Lee Anthony in the eighth inning when Seattle got to him for a walk, two base hits and a run with one away. Anthony put out the fire and McDaniels got credit for the win.

In eight and one-third innings, McDaniels gave up eleven hits, walked two and struck out five.

In the opening stanza, after Seattle had scored a run and filled the bases, McDaniels struck out the next two men to retire the side.

AIDS OWN CAUSE

The big right hander also contributed a pair of singles to drive in two runs.

Guy Fletcher, league leading pitcher, started for Seattle, but was batted out in the fifth when the Angels got to him for four runs. Los Angeles won the series 4-3.

Tuesday night, McDaniels made his local debut at Wrigley Field, before 6,654 fans. He let Seattle down with six scattered hits, shutting them out 17-0. He walked one and whiffed six.

Los Angeles banged out twenty-seven hits including two by McDaniels in three trips to the plate.

In his first start with the Angels, McDaniels beat Portland up North. came through with a five-hit, 8-3 win over Portland.

McDaniel's easy triumph was particularly impressive because Portland had taken seven of their last eight before facing LA's first Negro player who was recruited from the Kansas Monarchs.

The Pacific Coast League now has three mixed ballteams. Luke Easter, John Ritchey and Creste Minosa are with the San Diego Padres, while Artie Wilson is now with Oakland, and Marquez plays for Portland.

LA Signs First Negro

McDaniels Wins in PCL Debut

The 47-year-old color ban practiced by Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast League was ended last week when Negro pitcher Booker McDaniels was signed and promptly

Orestes Minoso Makes Debut In Indian Lineup

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CLEVELAND—(NNPA) — Orestes Minoso, the Cuban cyclone made his debut as a regular player in major league baseball against the Philadelphia Athletics last Wednesday as the Cleveland Indians defeated the Athletics in a thriller by a score of 3 to 2.

Minoso, who played in only a few exhibition games this Spring, has convinced Lou Boudreau that he has possibilities and the Indians manager sent him to right field. The Cuban batted in seventh place, the spot in which both Bob Kennedy and Hank Edwards were installed.

Boudreau's sudden decision to use Minoso in right field against the Athletics was prompted by the fact that the May 15 cutting deadline is less than two weeks away. The Tribe has to dispose of three players and the barrel-chested Cuban is one of those on the border-line.

GETS ONE HIT

Batting against Dick Fowler, a right-hander, who has lost three games against a single victory, and Alex Kellner, a left-hander who silenced the Tribe's bats after he took over in the third, Minoso got one hit in three times at bat.

On the basis of what the Indians saw of Minoso in Wednesday's game, they certainly could not pass judgment on him as an outfielder. He had only one chance and that he played smartly. Getting a good break, he took the force of bring down Vale's fly in the sixth inning.

DOBY STILL IN SLUMP

Larry Doby, the Indians' centerfielder, was unable to shake off his batting slump against the Athletics in Wednesday's game, but he made several stunning catches, the best of which was a running back-handed catch of Taft Wright's line drive.

Doby's batting slump has his average hovering below .216. He had only one hit in the three game series in Detroit.

Doby flied out in the first inning, popped to Third Baseman Hank Majeski in the third, rolled to Second Baseman Suder in the fifth and forced Dale Mitchell, at second in the seventh.

Minoso popped to Suder in the second, flied to Wright in right field in the third, and singled to left in the sixth. Kennedy replaced him in the seventh.

Boudreau is doing little fretting over Doby's inability to hit.

"Larry has been too conscious of strikeouts," Lou said. "He's letting up on his swing in trying to meet the ball. He did the same thing at this time last year. I want him to swing just as hard as he always does and if he strikes out —well that's the kind of hitter he is. He may strike out more than his average, but he'll hit oftener."

TOLD TO "SWING AWAY"

Doby was told to "swing away" during batting drills Monday, May 2, and the result was that he was hitting one line drive after another. He hit a number of balls over the fence and deep into the right field stands.

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In the game against the Detroit Tigers here Sunday, May 1, which the Indians lost, 3 to 2, despite a two-hitter pitched by Bob Lemon, Doby went hitless in two official times at bat getting struck out once by Hal Newhouser, the Tigers' pitcher. In the eighth inning Al Rosen was sent in to pinch-hit for him.

Doby walked in the first, fanned in the third and flied out in the eighth.

Negro Baseball's "Do or Die" Year . . .

The Negro American League, sole purveyor of that brand of baseball which is distinctively referred to as the Negro version of our national pastime, is in a precarious position as it goes into the third week of a fateful year.

This is the year which will determine whether or not we are going to have Negro baseball in the future. At least—whether we are going to have it in the same gaudy colors and the identical, corny routine.

The stage is set and the audience is waiting for the show to go on. The shows in the past haven't been anything to write home about. The theme has been monotonous at times and there have been instances when the cash customers have gotten up and gone home because they refused to accept burlesque after being promised legitimate acts.

Today's situation is different, however. At one time Negro baseball's faithful audience had no choice if they wanted to see Negroes in the cast. This was the only theatre which presented them and whether the show was good or bad they had to take it as it was dished out.

But now other baseball theatres are accepting Negroes and consequently the fan who confined his interests to what was known as the Negro version of baseball can go elsewhere.

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Every Team Is Stronger This Year . . .

The size of last year's crowds where Negro baseball is concerned indicated with a horrifying bluntness that the time had come when the club owners would have to do something.

The Negro American League was re-organized and expanded from six clubs to ten. When the Negro National League folded due to malnutrition at the gate, the American League grabbed the best players the National circuit had. As a result every club in the American loop is stronger this season. From all indications, better baseball is in store for the customers.

Better baseball should mean bigger crowds, and bigger crowds should mean bigger gate receipts for the owners. There is a great need for Negro baseball because in the majors, and 95 per cent of those in the minors, it has proven to be the stepping stone of every Negro now Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby, Satchel Paige and Roy Campanella are all graduates from the Negro baseball school.

If you glance at their records you will have to admit they learned a lot more in Negro baseball than most people care to admit. Whether they absorbed their baseball knowledge through crafty teachers or picked it up by trial and error system is a matter of conjecture. The facts, however, indicate that their experience in Negro baseball was not time wasted. All four have proven to be of major league caliber and are holding their own under the big tent.

If Negro baseball continues to produce such talent—whether it is by accident or by methodical schooling—then it is the duty of the public to give it wholehearted support.

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Need the Support of the Public . . .

There are men in Negro baseball who are guilty when it comes to developing a good public relations program, and there are also men in it who lack foresight. On the whole, however, they are all sincere in their efforts to perpetuate the game and develop good young ball players. Most of them are, of course, mercenary and dream of players on the basis of dollars and cents values. They want to develop good players and sell them to what we know officially as organized baseball.

But you can't exactly blame them for that. They do not look like idealists nor do they attempt to assume such a role. They're in the game for money. Everyone else in this country is pursuing some particular endeavor for the same reason.

So when you look at the picture without bias, you have to admit that the men in the game aren't as bad as they have been pictured at certain times. The public should be sympathetic and encourage them. Negro baseball is a virtual necessity in today's changing sports portrait.

At the same time, the men who control the Negro baseball scene must realize right now that they cannot ignore the public; that they must inform them what is happening, where their teams play, supply the papers with the proper standings and weekly results, and keep their version of the game on a level of dignity.

If they don't do those things, their show is going to fold before it ever approaches the last act. The lights will go out with a shocking suddenness and the skeptical critics will write: "The show that was produced under the title of 'Negro Baseball' was a rousing flop and has disappeared from the sports scene."

This is the final curtain call, gentlemen!

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The Sports World Merry-Go-Round . . .

Rip Sewell, veteran Pittsburgh Pirate moundsman, says the way to stop Jackie Robinson at the plate is to pitch to him sidearm. "That's the way I pitch to him," Sewell says, "and he's no trouble at all" . . . The senior class at Rutgers where Paul Robeson first won fame has selected William (Bucky) Hatchett as its president. He played end on the football team, center in basketball and runs the high hurdles and high jumps for the track team . . . Contrary to recent reports, Commissioner Chandler says he has not determined whether Luis Marquez and Art Wilson, Negro infielder and outfielder, belong to the New York Yankees or Cleveland Indians. Both clubs claim they signed the flashy stars who formerly played with the Homestead Grays and Birmingham Barons.

Although Joe Louis' first fight promotion in Detroit last week attracted 10,000 fans, reliable sources contend that the net profits amounted to only $2,000 . . . Kiah Sayles, new manager of the Pershing Hotel in Chicago, says he's flooded with reservations for the Charles-Walcott fight and no room will be available by the end of the week . . . Sports quiz: Is one of Chicago's new boxing officials employed by a whiskey concern which is owned by the town's biggest boxing promoter? . . . Joe Louis will be 35 years old Friday . . . American League pitchers are throwing 'em high and outside to Larry Doby this season and thus far he hasn't been connecting.

Louisville Nine To Participate In Negro A. L.

Former Cleveland Team First Here In O. B.

The transplanted Cleveland Buckeyes now representing Louisville as the Louisville Buckeyes of the Negro American League will give Louisvillians their first Negro major league baseball nine in the city's history.

The Buckeyes will do their spring training from today to March 18 at Panama City, Fla., and then will start their exhibition schedule.

Regular major league opening day at Parkway Field is May 1, a doubleheader with the Philadelphia Stars.

The Cleveland Buckeyes defeated the perennial Homestead Grays in 1945 for the Negro world championship in four straight games. They won the 1947 American League title and were runnersup in the 1946 pennant race.

Among some of the players performing on the Buckeye club are Parnell Woods, infielder recently returned to the Bucks from Mexico, Sammy Jethroe, now with the Montreal Royals farm club of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Archie Ware, Willie and George Jefferson, who set the league on fire in 1945 with 20 wins each, and Eugene Bremer, the New Orleans curve ball artist.

Negro American League Lead; June 8

Carl Mays, of the Birmingham Black Barons, regained the lead in the Negro American League, batting race, with a .113 average, according to statistics compiled by Home News Bureau.

Ed Steele, teammate of Mays, and Bob Boyd of Memphis share the second place spot with averages of .391, Steele maintaining his lead in runs scored with 27. Piper Davis, also with the Black Barons post , the fourth highest average, a .379, and took lead in most hits with 36. Pearson, Baltimore first baseman, took over fifth place with a .377 average and the lead in runs batted in with 20.

Willard Brown, Kansas City outfielder, gained two firsts, total bases with 63, and home runs with 5, and shares his last weeks lead in doubles with teammate Howard, each has 11. Formenthal of Memphis clouted three triples during the past week to take the lead in that department with 6, while Thurman of Kansas City and Gilliam, Baltimore, second baseman, share the lead in stolen bases with 7.

Negro American League

Clowns and Giants Play Two Today

The Chicago American Giants, still hoping to overtake the league leading Kansas City Monarchs for second half honors in the western division of the Negro American league, will close their season today and tomorrow against the Indianapolis Clowns in four games in Comiskey park, composed of two double headers. First games will start at 1:30 p.

Summers

The Giants will be ending their most successful home season in recent years. Thus far they have won 13 of 17 games and have lost four. First Baseman Lyman Rostock, the club's leading hitter with an average of .343, and Right Fielder Lonnie Summers, .308, are again expected to lead the Giants' attack.

Smith Giants' Starter

The Clowns will depend on Shortstop Jesse H. Williams, Second Baseman Ray Neil, Right Fielder Alphonso Girard, and Reece (Goose) Tatum to supply the punch at the plate.

Eugene Smith, Chicago's winningest pitcher, with eight and three, will hurl the opener. Gread McKinnis, a southpaw, will pitch the second. Working for the Clowns today will be Andrew Porter (10-6) and Jim Cohen (6-5).

Tomarrow's Pitchers

Tomorrow's pitching nominees are Gentry Jessup and Harry Rhodes for the Giants against Willie Cathey and Harry Butts.

Slow Death Forecast For Negro Baseball

By DAVIS J. WALSH
International News Service
Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Slow death at the turnstiles or an early retreat elsewhere was being forecast for the Negro American League which, in three years, has sent Don Newcombe, Roy Campanella and Jackie Robinson along to major league top billing.

Once, not so very long ago, the project flourished and in a small way, prospered as a sort of side-door enterprise which operated unopposed and all but unnoticed inside established major league territory. More than that, inside major league ball parks.

PASSING INEVITABLE

But they say now that passing of the Negro American League is almost inevitable — and for the strangest of reasons.

It seems that, with the second emancipation, AD 1946, not even Negroes want to watch Negroes play baseball. That is, unless they happen to be playing it under big league auspices.

The novelty of that is much too recent, for one thing, to have worn itself thin. For another, two Negro players—Robinson and Newcombe—were given the National League's rookie-of-the-year award in '47 and '49 by vast plurality, thus greatly enhancing this particular situation.

COSTS EQUAL

Another thing: it costs no more for big league baseball at the general admission windows than it does to see the Negro American League.

So, if you happen to have average gumption and were a guy who liked to put the appraising squint on various situations, you could begin to suspect that soon there might not be any Negro American League —at least as such.

Giants Sign 2 Negroes; Get Trials at Jersey City

New York, Jan. 28 (AP). The New York Giants today became the fifth major league club to hire Negroes when they purchased Outfielder Monte Irvin and Pitcher Ford Smith from the Negro National League.

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Signed by Mistake

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Irvin, a 6-1, 180-pound native of Orange, N. J., is considered a potential big leaguer. When Branch Rickey reluctantly let him go, he said: "Some major league club ought to get him. He's sure to make good."

High School Star

Irvin is 28. He starred in baseball and football at Orange High School and attended Lincol University for a year. He is credited with having great batting power and has an exceptional arm. He is currently playing winter ball with the Almendares club in the Cuban League. He leads that circuit in home runs and doubles, and is tied for the lead in triples. Through games of January 20, Irvin was batting .469, had seven home runs, six triples, 13 doubles and had driven in 33 runs in 48 games.

Smith, 26, is a graduate of the University of Arizona. He lives in Phoenix. During the war he was commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

He is currently with Santurce in the Puerto Rican League and is a ranking pitcher there. Scouts tabbed him as the best pitcher in the Negro American League last year. He stands 6-2 and weighs 190.

Including Irvin and Smith, there are now four Negroes in the International League. The others are Pitcher Don Newcombe and Outfielder Sam Jethroe. Both are with Montreal.

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Yankees Sign First Negro in Club's History

Dodgers Sign Reese, Brown, Miksis and Campanella; Pee Wee Named Captain

For the first time in the forty-six years of their existence, the New York Yankees will have a Negro player in their organization this year. They announced yesterday that they had signed Luis Marquez, an outfielder now playing for Aguadilla in the Puerto Rican League, to a contract with their Newark club in the International League.

This move follows closely the action of the Giants in signing three Negroes for their Jersey City club. Now all three local major league teams have Negro baseball players in their organizations.

The Yankees purchased Marquez's contract from the Baltimore Elite Giants who got him from the Homestead Grays after that team disbanded last year.

Marquez is twenty-three years old. He is a Puertorriqueno. He led the Negro National League in hitting in 1947 with a batting average of .382. He is currently hitting .330 for Aguadilla in the Puerto Rican League.

At the same time, the Yankees revealed that they are trying to sign another Negro, Art Wilson, twenty-eight-year-old Birmingham Barons shortstop, for their Newark team. Wilson is at present player-manager for the Mayaguez team in Puerto Rico.

The Brooklyn Dodgers announced the receipt of four more signed contracts, including that of Pee Wee Reese, shortstop, who has been named captain of the club.

Rese reported to receive around 25,000, will be the first Dodger captain in the regime of Branch Rickey, president.

Other contracts were signed by Roy Campanella, catcher; Tommy Brown, outfielder, and Eddie Miksis, infielder. Hank Behrman, Rex Barney and Willard Ramsdell, pitchers, signed previously.

The Dodgers said Brown would be used in the outfield this season.

Irvin, Negro Outfielder, Reported in Giant Fold

The Giants yesterday were reported to have signed their first Negro player, but refused to confirm or deny that they had purchased Monte Irving, outfielder, from the Newark club of the Negro National League.

According to Secretary Eddie Brannick, the club could make no comment on the report until the return of Carl Hubbell, head of the Giant farm system, who is now vacationing in Oklahoma City.

Irvin is the Negro player Branch Rickey signed a few days ago for St. Paul, a Dodger farm club. However, on being advised that Mrs. Effa Manley, business manager of the Newark Eagles still considered Irvin under contract to her despite the fact that the Negro National League had been reported as having disbanded, Rickey canceled his contract with the player.

According to yesterday's report, the Giants are not to run into any such difficulties, since they are said to have purchased Irvin's contract outright from Mrs. Manley.

Giants Sign 3d Negro Player In Latin Loop

Dodgers Get Healy From L. I. U.; Phillies Add Wainkus and Ashburn

The Giants, who signed two Negroes to Jersey City contracts last week, added a third yesterday when they announced they had purchased Henry Thompson from the Kansas City Monarch.

Thompson is a second baseman, third baseman and also plays the outfield. He is twenty-three years old, a native of Dallas, Tex.

He started playing professionally at the age of sixteen with the Dallas Green Monarch. He joined the Kansas City Monarchs in 1946. In 1947, he had a tryout with the St. Louis Browns, but did not make the grade.

At present, the five-foot-ten, 175-pound Negro is playing with the Almendares Club in the Cuban League. He is a teammate of Monte Irvin, one of the other Negroes taken into the Giants' family. The other is Ford Smith, a pitcher in the Puerto Rican League.

NEW YORK YANKS BUY NEGRO OUTFIELDER

NEW YORK, Feb. 2—The New York Yankees today signed their first Negro baseball player — Outfielder Luis Marquuez, of the Baltimore Elite Giants — and became the sixth major league club to hire a Negro athlete.

Marquez, 23-year-old centerfielder, is hitting "about .330" with the Aguadilla club of the Puerto Rican Winter League. He will report to the Newark Bears, a Yankee farm, next moonth at their Haines City, Fla., spring training base.

Negotiations are almost completed by the Yanks for another Negro star, Artie Wilson, 28-year-old shortstop-manager of the leading Mayaguez team of the Puerto Rican league. The Birmingham Black Barons own his contract.

When signed, Wilson also will join Newark. He is hitting .372 in Puerto Rico and led the Negro American League in 1947 and 1948 with .377 and .404.

IRVIN, SMITH ACCEPT FARM CLUB BERTHS

Heavy-Hitting Outfielder and Right-Handed Pitcher Will Go South With Jerseys

POLO GROUNDS ASPIRANTS

Negro Aces Slated for Giants If They Prove Ability—Yanks Sign Mapes and Collins

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Two Negro ball players came into the New York Giants' organization yesterday, although not signed for immediate service with the Polo Grounds National Leaguers.

They are Monte Irvin, outfielder, and Ford Smith, pitcher, who have been signed to contracts with the Jersey City club of the International League, the announcement being given out by Charles A. Stoneham, head of the Giants' farm club across the Hudson.

Both boys will report at the not long ago was Sanford, Fla., tryout camp and Branch Rickey, of the Dodgers, for training site of the Little Giants, the St. Paul club of the American Association, in the belief that they will be tied in triples with six. In only 192 times at bat he had driven in 33 runs and had 20 total bases on March 10.

"We expect both to stay with Monte was a free agent. Rickey Deal Canceled

Right now Irvin is playing on the Almendares club of the Cuban League and, on the records released by Jan. 20, was leading in home runs with seven, in doubles with 13 and was tied in triples with six. In only 192 times at bat he had driven in 33 runs and had 20 total bases

outfielder who this year, later canceled the deal on the pro-was signed by Mrs. Effa Manley, owner of the Dodgers, for any the Eagles, that Irvin was her of the American property.

Giants Bring Negroes Into Their Chain for First Time, Signing 2 for Jersey City

Smith and Irvin Will Join Farm Team at Camp

Pitcher and Outfielder Are Sold by Negro Clubs to New York Organization

By Rud Rennie

The Giants have taken Negro players into their baseball family for the first time in the history of the organization. It was announced yesterday that Ford Smith, a right-handed pitcher, and Monte Irwin, an outfielder, had been purchased from the teams to which they belonged in the Negro National League and had been signed by Jersey City, the Giants' team in the International League.

Neither player was present when the announcement was made. Smith is in Puerto Rico, where he is the leading pitcher in the Puerto Rican League. He is with the Santurce club. Irvin is in Cuba, playing for Almendares and leading the Cuban League in hitting.

Both players will report to the Jersey City training camp in Sanford, Fla., in March.

Pitched for Monarchs

Smith's contract was purchased from the Philadelphia club, to which he was transferred by the Kansas City Monarchs, for whom he won ten and lost five last year. He is twenty-six years old, six feet two inches tall and weighs 190 pounds.

Scouts reported that Smith was the best pitcher not only on the Monarchs, but in that league. He is a graduate of the University of Arizona and makes his home in Phoenix. In the war he was a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

Irvin comes from Orange, N. J. He is twenty-eight years old, a right-handed hitter and thrower. He was a star athlete at Orange High School, an all-state player in baseball and footbaly. He attended Lincoln University for a year. And he played baseball professionally for the Newark Eagles from whom the Giants bought him.

Ranked as Hitter

The records of the Negro National League are vague, but, with Almendares this winter, Irvin has hit thirteen doubles, six triples and seven home runs. He is said to be a powerful batter and to have a strong throwing arm.

The Yankees now are the only one of the local major-league baseball clubs that does not have a Negro player somewhere in its organization.

Commenting upon this, a Yankee spokesman said yesterday: "We are interested in Negro players. Our scouts are instructed to report on any that they consider good enough to play for the Yankees. We simply have not seen any that we think are good enough to be Yankees and that's why we have not signed any."

The Giants are the fifth major-league club to take Negroes into their organization. Three years ago, the Brooklyn Dodgers led the way by signing Jackie Robinson to a Montreal contract. Robinson rose to be a Dodger in 1947.

Doby and Paige With Indians

The Cleveland Indians signed Lary Doby, an outfielder, and later, Satchel Paige. The St. Louis Browns tried out Willard Brown and Henry Thompson, but they failed to make good. The Boston Braves signed Waldon Williams, a high school star, for one of their farm clubs.

The Yankees announced yesterday that Joe Collins, a first baseman, and Cliff Mapes, an outfielder, have signed their contracts.

Collins, twenty-six years old, is highly considered as a candidate for the open first-base job. He batted .273 for Newark last year, hitting twenty-five doubles and twenty-three home runs.

The Yankees brought him up toward the close of the 1948 season and he was at bat five times and made one hit. He is a steam fitter in Irvington, N. J. in the off-season.

Mapes, a left-handed hitter, was in fifty-three games with the Yankees last year and batted .250. He has a lot of natural ability and the Yankees are hoping that he will show improvement this year.

The Brooklyn Dodgers sent out the last of their contracts yesterday, having kept the players in suspense almost until the contract deadline, which is Feb. 1.

with a lusty batting average of .469.

He is six feet one inch tall, weighs 185 pounds, is 28 years old and lives in Orange, N. J. He has been prominent in athletics since his high school days at Orange, having been an All-State selection in baseball and football. He attended Lincoln University for a year and in professional baseball has played only for the Eagles. He is right-handed all the way and is said to have exceptional power, both in batting and throwing.

Smith, a righthanded pitcher, lives in Phoenix, Ariz., site of the Giants' training camp, and is a graduate of the University of Arizona. During the war he was a lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force.

Won Ten and Lost Five

Last year he pitched for the Kansas City Monarchs, and scouting reports rated him as the best pitcher in the Negro American League. With the Monarchs he won ten and lost five. Currently he is pitching for the Santurce Club (a suburb of San Juan) in the Puerto Rican Winter League and is said to be the ranking pitcher there, although his record is unavailable.

With the signing of these two players, who undoubtedly are tabbed to come up to the Giants if their ability warrants, the New York Yankees immediately were queried as to whether that organization contemplated the acquisition of Negro players.

The reply, coming from Arthur (Red) Patterson, as spokesman for the Topping-Webb-Weiss trio, was that "if our scouts turn up any Negro players of ability, certainly such players will be signed."

At the moment there are only four Negro players in the major leagues — Jackie Robinson (the "ice-breaker") and Roy Campanella, with the Dodgers, and Larry Doby and Satchel Paige with the Cleveland Indians.

Fourteen Now in Fold

Patterson yesterday announced the signing of two more Yankee players—Joe Collins, a first baseman, and Cliff Mapes, outfielder—bringing the total to fourteen.

Collins, 28 years old, played for Newark last year in 139 games, hitting .273. His extra base hits included 23 home runs, 25 doubles and six triples and he drove in 76 runs. He is a southpaw. Last September, in five games with the Yankees Joe made one hit in five times at bat. He lives in Irvington, N. J., where his off-season trade is that of a steamfitter.

Mapes hit .250 for the Yankees last season in 53 games, making 11 doubles, one triple and one homer, batting in 12 runs.

Rickey was out of town again yesterday, said to be "in the west" on a mission involving the Dodgers' football interests. Contracts for all Dodger baseball players were supposed to have been put in the mail before he departed.

Herald Tribune—Acme

ADDITION TO GIANTS is Monty Irvin, outfielder, who was signed by the Jersey City club yesterday along with Ford Smith, a Negro pitcher. Irvin is seen here with Larry Doby now with the Indians when they were teammates on the Newark Eagles

Giants Get Two Negro Players In Move to Strengthen Line-up

Irvin, Top International League Batter, Thompson Obtained From Jersey's—To Be Here for Phils Game Tonight

When the Giants take the field against the Phillies tonight in the Polo Grounds assembled fans will view the nuprecedented spectacle of two Negroes in Giant uniforms.

Horace C. Stoneham, Giant president announced yesterday that he had purchased outfielder Monte Irvin and infielder Henry Thompson from his Jersey City farm club in the International League. Both will be under Leo Durocher's leadership tonight.

Whether either or both would get into the scuffle against the Phils, Stoneham would not say. He would not reject the possibility that one the newcomers would see action, although he emphasized this would depend solely upon Manager Durocher's judgement in the selection of his starting line-up or choice of pinch-hitters when and if necessary.

Jersey's Get Lohrke, Milne

To make room for Irvin and Thompson, Stoneham anounced that infielder Jack Lohrke and outfielder Pete Milne have been released to Jersey City on option.

The addition of Irvin and Thompson to the Giant roster leaves only the Yankees of the three metropolitan clubs without a Negro ball player. The American Leaguers had several on trial in their extensive farm system but have optioned or sold these prospects.

Insisting that his club was not yet to be counted out of contention for the National League pennant, Stoneham said Irvin and Thompson might provide the power which would pull the Giants up among the leaders again.

Playing at the Polo Grounds will hold no novelty for Irvin. He has appeared in the shadow of Coogan's Bluff several times as a member of the Newark Eagles of the Negro National League.

Irvin Hits Long Ball

Irvin, 28-years-old, stands 6 feet 2 inches and is a native of Orange, N. J. He is a long ball hitter whose ability is reflected in the latest averages of the International League. He is leading the circuit with a batting average of .385 and have been brought from the Giants Jersey City farm. To make room for the newcomers, Infielder Jack Lohrke and Outfielder Pete Milne were sent to Jersey City on option.

Irvin bats and throws right-handed. iHs record shows seven home-runs, five triples, fourteen doubles and 41 runs batted in. In addiiton, Irvin boasts eleven stolen bases. He led the Cuban Winter League in hitting and is said to have one of the best throwing arms in baseball.

Thompson, 23 years old, is a native of Los Angeles and had a brief trial with the St. Louis Browns in 1947. He came up originally from the Kansas City Monarchs.

Thompson right handed and bats left-handed. At Jersey City he has been playing the short field, but second base is his regular position and the likely spot where Manager Durocher will insert him. He has played third-base and he outfield, as well.

In 55 games, Thompson acquired a batting average of .303, with 56 hits. These included twelve home-runs, two triples and nine doubles. His speed on the bases is reflected in eleven thefts this year.

BROOKLYN VICTOR ON RUN IN 6TH, 4-3

Robinson Walks, Takes Third as Pick-Off Backfires, Then Tallies on Out in Second

HENRY THOMPSON PLAYS

Negro Replaces Ailing Rigney for Giants—Newcombe of Dodgers Faces Hartung

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

Henry Thompson, one of two Negro players who joined the Giants early this week, was in their starting line-up last night as they opened a three-game series against the Dodgers before a capacity crowd of more than 33,000 at Ebbets Field.

The Dodgers won, 4—3, with a run in the sixth inning.

Billy Rigney, regular second baseman, turned up with a sore left thumb, so in an eleventh-hour decision Thompson was substituted despite the fact that he still was nursing a lame arm. It was the first appearance of Thompson, called up from Jersey City last Tuesday with Monte Irvin, an outfielder.

Don Newcombe, big Negro right-hander who lost his second decision of the season to the Giants red-hot Dave Koslo at the Polo Grounds last week, was the pitching nominee for the Dodgers. He was seeking his seventh victory, Clint Hartung, with a 7-and-7 record, took the mound for New York.

After Thompson, leading off for the Giants had popped up, Whitey Lockman lined a single to right field. He remained at first as Bobby Thomson and then Johnny Mize popped to Peewee Reese.

Reese Singles to Right

In Brooklyn's first turn at bat, Reese singlde to right, but Gene Hermanski hit into a double play, started by Mize. Duke Snider went out on a grounder to Thompson.

A lead-off double to left by Sid Gordon in the second went to waste as Newcombe retired the next three Giant batters.

Jackie Robinson's fleetness of foot gave the Dodgers the first run in the second inning. The National League's all-star second baseman drew a pass, then took a big lead off first. Hartung whipped a throw over to the bag, but the ball his Robinson sliding back and rolled toward right field.

On his feet in a flash, Jackie pedaled all the way around to third on the play, which was charged as an error by Hartung. He stayed there while Gil Hodges was popping out to Thompson, but broke for home and made it easily when Carl Furillo, pulling away from a pitch, rolled the ball weakly to Thompson.

Neither side put a man on base in the third, but Newcombe had to pitch out of a jam in the fourth. With one out, Mize took advantage of Brooklyn's overshifted defense to slash a double dow nthe left field line. Then Gordon walked and when Robinson threw wild to Newcombe on Willard Marshall's grounder the bases were full. Newcombe thereupon bore down to fan Ray Mueller and Buddy Kerr.

Dodgers Add to Lead

Taking advantage of another break, the Brooks increased their lead to 3-0 in the fourth. Hermanski led off with a single to right and raced home when Thomson missed a charging stab at Snider's low liner to center, the ball rolling to the fence for a triple. Hodges drove in Snider with a single to left for his sixty-fifth run batted home.

In the fifth the Giants finally got a rally rolling and shelled Newcombe out of the box in tying the score. Successive walks to Thompson and Lockman, after one out, put Don on the skids and after he had retired another man Mize, Gordon and Marshall finished him off by singling consecutively.

Rex Barney took over for the Brooks and gave his bench the shakes by walking Mueller and going to a 3-0 count on Kerr before he finally got Buddy out on an easy fly to left.

Last Ticket Sold in Afternoon

The last ticket for the game had been disposed of in the afternoon, so a police barrier was set up at the approaches to Ebbets Field to wave away fans hoping to purchase admission at the gates.

The 16-0 beating the Giants handed the Dodgers at the Polo Grounds last Sunday fanned the flames of the blazing New York-Brooklyn rivalry.

The series will continue with single games today and tomorrow.

The line-up:

NEW YORK (N.)	BROOKLYN (N.)
Thompson, 2b	Reese, ss
Lockman, lf	Hermanski, lf
Thomson, cf	Snider, cf
Mize, 1b	Robinson, 2b
Gordon, 3b	Hodges, 1b
Marshall, rf	Furillo, rf
R. Mueller, c	Cox, 3b
Kerr, ss	Campanella, c
Hartung, p	Newcombe, p

Umpires—Dascoli, Pinelli, Gore and Robb.

Duo Bought From JC By Parent Club

Sparkling Play In International Loop Brings Promotion

NEW YORK—(INS)—The first Negro baseball players signed by the New York Giants, an infielder and an outfielder, were to be in uniform Wednesday night at the Polo Grounds.

One of them, Second Baseman Henry Thompson, was expected to be in the lineup against the Philadelphia Phillies.

Thompson and Monte Irvin, International League leading hitter with an average of .385, have been brought from the Giants Jersey City farm. To make room for the newcomers, Infielder Jack Lohrke and Outfielder Pete Milne were sent to Jersey City on option.

LEFT -HANDED MITTER

Thompson, a native of Los Angeles, is 23 years old and a left-handed hitter with an International League average just above .300. He has hit 12 home runs, two triples and nine doubles this season. He also is a speed merchant with 11 thefts of bases.

Irving, a 28-year-old native of Orange, N. J., is a right-handed swinger, and a husky 6 foot, 2 inch, 190 pounder with one of the best arms in baseball.

Besides compiling his .385 league-leading average this season, he also has stolen 11 bases and has hit seven home runs, five triples and 14 doubles.

And Now the Yanks

THE COLOR LINE at the Polo Grounds has finally been broken with the signing of two Negro players for Horace Stoneham's New York Giants National League entry. The implications are tremendous. The Giants' campaign under the most fabled name in baseball. Every kid who likes the game and aspires to be a professional has at one time or another thought of himself in a New York Giants uniform. Despite the glamour, the hustle and bustle and noise, the Brooklyn Dodgers are not considered New York in the sense that the Polo Grounders enjoy. Nor are the Yankees, who play in the Stadium located in the Bronx.

It is high achievement then when the Giants reached over to Jersey City last week and plucked the two Negro stars—Monte Irvin, International League batting pace-setter, and Henry Thompson, infield-outfielder, as the players most likely to help the sagging fortunes of the team playing under Coogan's Bluff. The fight to get Negroes into organized baseball has been long and arduous. Many of our newspapers shared in the effort, along with the ceaseless campaigning of various sports organizations and individuals.

However, The New Age instituted the latter part of the drive, after Jackie Robinson, to break the barriers at the Polo Grounds and Roy Campanella, Larry Doby and Satchel

at the Stadium. Sat. 7-16-49

The Giants still have other Negro players in their farm system—Ray Dandridge, Dave Barnhill, Ford Smith, etc. The Yankees made a faint-hearted stab at signing up a couple of Negroes for their Newark farm club and for one reason or another, let them go elsewhere.

The Yankees are now on the pan. Help us turn up the heat.

Welcomed To The Fold Of New York Giants

The Journal & Guide Norfolk, Va.

Sat. 7-16-4

Leo Durocher, Giants manager, welcomes Henry Thompson, of Los Angeles, left, and Monte Irvin, of Orange, N. J., right, first Negro players to wear Giant uniforms. Thompson is a second baseman and Irvin an outfielder. Both were purchased in an exchange from the Jersey City International League Farm Club. Sat. 7-16-49

YANKEES YELL "FOUL PLAY" WHEN VEECK ADDS SENSATIONAL NEGRO PLAYER TO TRIBE'S WIGWAM

New York, Feb. 17—(PINS)—When the box office office of the New York Yankees "blew their top," a fortnight ago obout having purchased the contract of the sensational Negro shortstp, Artie Wilson, of the Birmingham (Ala.,) Black Barons, they reconed without considering the fact that Cleveland Indian sciuts had reported their find of Wilson to president William Veeck, and negotiations started for his purchase long before the Yankees ever thooght if him.

It seems that the Yanks' mistake was in talking rather than actng. And niw that they have discovered it will go any length to correct it, threatens suit.

Wilson signed a Cleveland contract last Thursday in Puerto Rico, and as reecent as a week ago the Yanks were so sure they had him—or, pretended to be—that they announced he would join Newark after the formality of signing a contract had been dispensed with..

On hearing that the Cleveland Indians had bought Wilson's contract, the Yanks cried "bloody-murde,r" and promised an immediate statement setting forth the basis of their con tention.

The Yanks General Manager George Weiss said Friday: "The Cleveland club has acted unethically. if not in direct violatiin of baseball law." Which meeans that the Yanks are wil ling to carry the iase further. Commissiiner A. B. Chandler may be called upon to decide the matter.

Buoyed by the advicee of Larry Doby, the Indians' stella Negro outfieldeer, and ethers who have seen the flash in act ion, Veeck flew to Puerti Rico and signed the former Negro American League shortstip directly to a Cleveland contract.

Veeck said Tom Hayes,, owner of the Birmingham club wired him that that Wilson's contract "was available." "So, we just bought him," Veeck said. "We had been scouting Wilson for a year. I din't kniw of any possible conflict.."

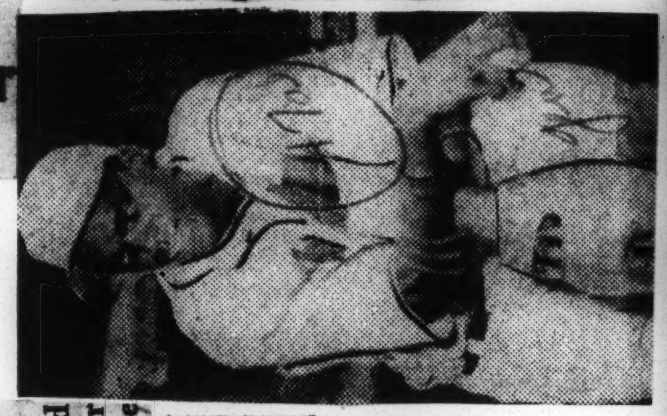
Wilson himself, said the Yankees had been interested but "for some reason everything was cancelled."

Wilson hit .408 for Birmingham last season. and was the playing manager of the Mayaguez club if the Puerto Rico League this winter. Veeck said sarry Doby, the club's Negro outfielder, advised him to grab Wilson.

The shortstop will report to the Indians March 1. at Tuscin, Ariz. He said he believed he would win a rgular spot any where Indians wanted him to play.

Yankees hire Negro: negotiate for another

Birmingham also gets offer for shortstop Art Wilson



NEW YORK — Obliquely admitting to being a back number, the usually pace-setting, well-heeled, king-size New York Yanks quietly signed up a Negro player last Wednesday.

Without much ado they signed outfielder Luis Marquez, after buying his release from the Baltimore Elite Giants, of the recently disbanded Negro National League. He was the first Negro in their ranks that he knew of in their 46-year history, said secretary Arthur Patterson.

Twenty-three-year-old Marquez, a native of Aguidilla, Puerto Rico, now playing in the Puerto Rican Winter League, will report to the Yank's ace farm Club, the Newark Bears, at Haines City, Fla., this Suring. When signed, Marquez was batting a whopping .330 in Puerto Rico.

Patterson said the Yankees were also dickering for hard-hitting Art Wilson, of the Birmingham Black Barons, one of the best Negro shortstops on the Negro circuit. For two years, Wilson has lead the Negro Amercian League battes.

If purchased, he also will report to the Newark club.

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YANKS SIGN

Outfielder Marquez Will Start In Newark; Seek Shortstop

The New York Yankees, following the Giants by four days, yesterday announced the ending of the color ban in their baseball organization with the signing of outfielder Louis Marquez of the Baltimore Elite Giants. In addition the Stadium hot after a second Negro player, shortstop Art Wilson of the Kansas City Monarchs. The Yanks thus became the fifth big league team to break with the discriminatory "gentleman's agreement" which marred the national pastime till 1945, when the Brooklyn Dodgers signed Jackie Robinson.

The Dodgers were followed by the Cleveland Indians, the Boston Braves and the Giants. The St. Louis Browns gave a brief trial to two Negro players in 1947 but dropped them without explanation. One of these, Henry Thompson, is now one of the three players signed by the Giants for their Jersey City farm.

Marquez, a long-hitting right-hander, is 24. He is currently pitch. Wilson, whose signing will un-

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Dodgers' Newcombe Takes No. 13, Tripping Pirates on 4-Hitter, 9-0

Brooks Blast 4 Homers, 3 of Them in 7-Run 3d Inning—Hodges, Snider Each Chalks Up No. 20, Campanella No. 17, Cox No. 8

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Neither the number thirteen nor slugging Ralph Kiner held any terrors for big Don Newcombe at Ebbets Field yesterday. The giant Negro righthander made his thirteenth triumph of the season a 4-hit shut-out as the Dodgers hit four home runs for a 9-0 victory over the Pirates, whose big "lumber" man went hitless.

Despite this second straight Brooklyn success, the Brooks lost another half length to the league-leading Cards, who scored their second straight twin triumph and now are two and one-half games in front.

It was Newcombe's second straight shut-out—he blanked the Cardinals last Wednesday — his third of the campaign and his fourth success against the Pirates without a loss. His string of consecutive scoreless innings was extended to 21.

Duke Snider, Gil Hodges, Roy Campanella and Billy Cox fashioned the homers, the first-named trio socking theirs in the big seven-run third inning—first time this year the Brooks have hit that many in a single frame.

Over Wall in Center

Snider's was a gargantuan clout over the right center field barrier and came with Newcombe aboard via a single and Peewee Reese on with a pass to drive in the first runs of the game and debit Bob Chesnes with his eleventh defeat of the season. Bob has been beaten five times by the Brooks without winning once.

Hodges followed a pass to Jackie Robinson with a terrific drive into the lower left center field stands for his No. 20, which tied Snider for the club lead in the round-trip department. It sent Chesnes away and brought Vic Lombardi, the vest pocket southpaw, into the game.

Vic's first pitch to Carl Furillo brought a line single to center and Campanella, after looking at one ball, whaled the next pitch into the upper left field stands for his No. 17 of the year.

Furillo and Campanella also collaborated for the eighth run, which came in the seventh on Carl's single to left and Roy's long double off the right field scoreboard.

Cox's homer, his No. 8, came in the eighth and was a drive that just cleared the rail screen in front of the lower left field stands, the ball bouncing back on the field from the butter fingers of a fan who tried to catch it.

Murtaugh Gets Double

Until Danny Murtaugh, who had entered the game in the fourth, lined a long double to right center in the fifth Newcombe had given up only one hit, a tricky bounder in the first inning by Stan Rojek, which Reese fumbled as he charged in after the ball.

The sixth was the only inning in which the Bucs seriously threatened to score. Little Lombardi opened with a clean single to center and after Rojek had popped out Johnny Hopp lined a single to right and Tom Saffell walked to fill the bases and bring Kiner to the plate.

Ralph swung hard at the first pitch and popped to Reese, just inside the foul line back of third base. Then Mike McCormick raced back to snare a sliced line drive from Dixie Walker.

Kiner had a bad day, Newcombe striking Ralph out to end the eighth with Saffell on second via a walk and a steal. Eddie Fitz Gerald became Don's seventh strikeout victim to end the game with Murtaugh on first base after forcing Walker, who had drawn a pass to start the inning.

No. 14 Over Pittsburgh

The Dodgers now have licked the Pirates fourteen times in eighteen games, with three of the Buc victories scored at Ebbets Field.

Newcombe has a total of 112 strikeouts and 52 bases on balls in 200 1-3 innings, which encompass 23 starts and 14 complete games. All his triumphs over the Bucs, incidentally, have been complete jobs. Don's first shut-out was over the Reds in Cincinnati not long after he joined the club.

McCormick played left field because Marv Rackley turned his left ankle in the seventh inning Saturday running out his bunt hit. Mike's catch of Walker's drive in the sixth made his presence in the line-up worth while, although he got no hits. . . . Frenchy Bordagaray, a Dodger when Casey Stengle piloted the Brooks, has been in the press box during the last two triumphs and rates himself as a Grade A mascot now. . . . There were 40 youngsters, bantamweight and midget champions of baseball from Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, watching the game. . . . Dodgers, home attendance now has reached 1,318,558 in 63 home dates.

The Box Score

PITTSBURGH (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Rojek, ss	4	0	1	4	7	2
Hopp, 1b	4	0	1	10	1	0
Saffell, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kiner, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Walker, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Cas'llone,3b	4	0	0	1	3	0
Basgall, 2b	1	0	0	3	2	0
M'taugh, 2b	3	0	1	3	4	0
M'C'lough,c	1	0	0	1	0	0
Fitz G'ld, c	2	0	0	2	0	0
Chesnes, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lombardi, p	2	0	1	0	0	0
Total	30	0	4	24	17	2

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Reese, ss	4	1	0	2	5	0
Cox, 3b	4	1	1	0	2	0
Snider, rf	5	1	2	2	0	0
Robinson,2b	3	1	1	2	3	0
Hodges, 1b	4	1	1	11	1	0
Furillo, rf	4	2	2	1	0	0
C'panella, c	3	1	3	7	0	0
M'C'm'k, lf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Ne'combe, p	3	1	1	0	0	0
Total	34	9	11	27	11	1

Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0
Brooklyn	0	0	7	0	0	0	1	1	.	—9

Runs batted in—Snider 3, Hodges 2, Campanella 3, Cox.

Two-base hits—Murtaugh, Campanella. Three-base hit—Robinson. Home runs—Snider, Hodges, Campanella, Cox. Stolen base—Saffell. Double plays—Hodges, Reese and Hodges; Basgall and Hopp; Reese, Robinson and Hodges; Castiglione, Murtaugh and Hopp; Rojek and Murtaugh. Left on bases—Pittsburgh 8, Brooklyn 7. Bases on balls—Off Chesnes 3, Lombardi 3, Newcombe 5. Struck out — By Lombardi 2, Newcombe 6. Hits — Off Chesnes 3 in 2 1-3 innings, Lombardi 8 in 5 2-3. Winner — Newcombe (13 — 6). Loser — Chesnes (5—10). Umpires — Goetz, Reardon and Jorda. Time of game—2:24. Attendance 23,663.

Don Newcombe Holds Redbirds To Six Safeties

Also Hits Three-Run Double; Furillo And Hodges Get Homers

BROOKLYN, Aug. 24—(AP)—Don Newcombe shut out the St. Louis Cardinals today for his 12th victory of the season, contributing a three-run double in the eighth to give the Brooklyn Dodgers a 6-0 triumph. This cut the Cardinals' National League lead to a single game.

Carl Furillo, Roy Campanella, and Gil Hodges all hit home runs with the bases empty, but it was Newcombe's smash into the leftfield corner that provided the clincher.

The big Dodger Negro pitcher, who has lost only six games this season, was given brilliant support for his six-hitter.

In the fifth, with two men on base and two out, Stan Musial, the nemesis of the Dodgers, hit a powerful drive that Luis Olmo leaped high to catch right under the 351-foot sign.

In the seventh, with one on, Carl Furillo made a running, one-handed low catch of Pinch-Hitter Lou Klein's smash into short rightfield.

Newcombe's big double scored Jackie Robinson—who led off the eighth with a double—Gil Hodges, and Marvin Rackley.

FIRST INNING

Cards — Robinson threw out Schoendienst. Marion singled. Musial walked. Slaughter flied to Furillo. Northey rolled out to Hodges. One hit, two left.

Dodgers — Reese singled. Cox struck out. Glaviano took Furillo's grounder, threw to Schoendienst, forcing Reese. Robinson singled. Hodges was thrown out by Glaviano. Two hits, two left.

SECOND INNING

Cards—After 53 minutes' delay by rain, the game was resumed. Nelson struck out. Garagiola flied to Furillo. Glaviano fanned.

Dodgers—Schoendienst threw out McCormick. Glaviano threw out Campanella. Olmo singled. Newcombe flied to Musial. One hit, one left.

THIRD INNING

Cards—Brazle was thrown out by Reese. Schoendienst singled. Marion fanned. Musial fouled to Cox. One hit, one left.

Dodgers — Marion threw out Reese, then Cox. Furillo hammered his 10th homer. Robinson walked, stole second and continued to third when Garagiola's throw was wild. Hodges bounced to Marion. One run, one hit, one error, one left.

FOURTH INNING

Cards—Slaughter singled. Northey flied out. Nelson flied out. Garagiola lined to Olmo. One hit, one left.

Dodgers—Northey took McCormick's fly. Campanella lined his 16th homer into the lower leftfield stand. Olmo bunted to Nelson who tagged him out. Newcombe hit in front of the plate and Garagiola threw him out. One run, one hit, none left.

FIFTH INNING

Cards—Cox threw out Glaviano. Brazle lined to Cox. Schoendienst walked. Marion doubled, sending Schoendienst to third. Olmo backed up to the leftfield wall at the 351-foot mark and made a leaping catch of Musial's drive. One hit, two left.

Dodgers—Reese was called out on strikes. Cox doubled. Marion threw out Furillo. Robinson flied out. One hit, one left.

SIXTH INNING

Cards — Slaughter struck out. Northey flied to Furillo. Robinson threw out Nelson.

Dodgers—Hodges hit into the left center stands for his 19th home run. Hodges' homer was also the team's 122nd of the season, tying its all-time home run record made in 1930. McCormick doubled, but was out trying to stretch it. Campanella was thrown out by Marion. Olm struck out. One run, two hits, none left.

SEVENTH INNING

Cards—Garagiola singled. H. Rice batted for Glaviano and fanned. Klein batted for Brazle. Furillo made a running back-hand catch of Klein's looping fly. Schoendienst forced Garagiola. One hit, one left.

Dodgers—Klein went to third and Martin pitched for the Cards. Newcombe singled. Reese popped to Nelson. Cox forced Newcombe at second. Cox stole second. Furillo flied to Musial. One hit, one left.

EIGHTH INNING

Cards — Newcombe threw out Marion. Musial singled. Slaughter hit into a double-play, Robinson to Reese to Hodges.

Dodgers — Robinson doubled. Hodges walked. McCormick sacrificed, Martin to Nelson. Campanella struck out. Rackley batted for Olmo and walked. Newcombe doubled, Scoring Robinson, Hodges and Rackley. Reese flied to Musial. Three runs, two hits, one left.

NINTH INNING

Cards—Rackley went to leftfield for Dodgers. Northey struck out. Nelson flied to Rackley. Robinson threw out Garagiola.

Score by innings:

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis 000 000 000	0	6	1
Brooklyn 001 101 03x	6	11	0

Brazle, Martin (7) and Garagiola; Newcombe and Campanella.

NEWCOMBE VICTOR WITH 6-HITTER, 6-0

Dodger Hurler Slams Double With Bases Filled, Two Out for Three Runs in Eighth

BRILLIANT CATCH BY OLMO

He Nabs Drive in 5th With Two Cards On—Hodges, Furillo, Campanella Connect

By LOUIS EFFRAT

What a difference one day can make!

Less than twenty-four hours earlier the Dodgers were on the brink of the obscurity that goes with a runner-up finish, but late yesterday afternoon they were breathing defiance into the faces of the Cardinals, convinced that theirs was a team destined to win the National League pennant.

The convincer was a 6-0, six-hit victory that Don Newcombe hurled against the Redbirds before 24,400 fans at rain-drenched Ebbets Field.

True, first place still is in the possession of the St. Louis aggregation, but the margin is a mere length, instead of the five it threatened to be, following the

Cards' triumph in Tuesday's day-light encounter.

However, the gallant Brooks tributing the most spectacular fashioned back-to-back conquests catches of the afternoon. Tuesday night and yesterday, cap- Singleton homers by Furillo in tured the two "must" games and the third, Roy Campanella in the now feel certain that the top prize fourth and Gil Hodges in the sixth, will go to them.

Hurls a Masterpiece

Newcombe's work in this crucial contest was a pitching master-

Dodger rooters felt down the Cardinals, tossing only ninety-four pitches and fanning a bases loaded and two half-dozen Redbirds, the Brooks eighth, Newcombe sliced were collecting eleven long-range e to left, scoring Furil- safeties. In addition to the trio nd Marv Rackley. Fred of homers, there were doubles by he St. Louis twirler at Billy Cox, Jackie Robinson, Mike razle left for a pinch- McCormick and Newcombe. seventh—and this 3- The round-trippers, by the way, ger was more than boosted the Flatbush total to 122 sure Newcombe of his for the campaign, matching the ory of the year. all-time Dodger record for one sea- wcombe was mowing son, set by the 1930 outfit.

Martin, Dodger left handsome 3-0 advantage, but it was not until Newcombe, himself, took a hand in the Brooklyn of-

While Newcom

Don Newcombe Limits Boston To Six Hits For 15th Victory

Giants Snap Phillies' Win Streak At Seven By Taking Nightcap Of Double Bill; Reds Nip Bucs In 10 Innings, 6-3

Their Tally in Second Breaks a String of 32 Scoreless Innings for Newcombe

By LOUIS EFFRAT

Don Newcombe, Brooklyn's candidate for the "rookie-of-the-year" award who had beaten every club in the National League except the Braves, set out to include the Bostonians among his victims last night at Ebbets Field. The big righthander, boasting fourteen victories against six defeats, started the contest with three consecutive shut-outs and thirty-and-one-third straight scoreless innings.

The Dodgers led, 8—2, after six and one-half innings.

Opposing Newcombe was Bill Voiselle, with six triumphs and five losses, who boasted three victories over the Dodgers, including two shutouts. About 25,000 fans were on hand, rooting for the Brooks to win and cut the idle Cards' lead to a single length.

The first round was scoreless. Newcombe retired Sibby Sisit on strikes, Elbie Fletcher on a roller to Jackie Robinson and Marv Rickert on a pop to Peewee Reese. Leading off against Voiselle, Reese bunted to the mound and was thrown out. Spider Jorgensen and Duke Snider then grounded to Connie Ryan.

Tally Crosses With Two Out

Newcombe's string was snapped in the second, the visitors tallying with two out. The rally started with a single to center by Bob Elliott. Jeff Heath was called out on strikes. Tommy Holmes drove a liner to right and when Carl Furillo just missed a shoestring catch, it went for a single, with Elliott reaching third. Ryan walked, filling the bases, whereupon Del Crandall flied to Furillo and Elliott scored after the catch. This stopped Newcombe's streak at exactly thirty-two innings.

Newcombe was still in danger, a pass to Voiselle loading the paths. However, Sisti grounded to Jorgensen.

Before Voiselle achieved the third out in the Brooklyn half, the Dodgers enjoyed a 5-1 spread. Robinson started with a single to center and went all the way around on a triple to left by Gil Hodges, Heath failing in his effort for a shoestring catch. Furillo's double to left drove in Hodges.

Rackley fouled to Elliott, after which Roy Campanella walked. Newcombe bounced a double-play ball to the mound, but Voiselle was unable to pick it up and all hands were safe on the error.

Rickert Errs on Single

Reese rolled to Elliott, whose throw to Sisti forced Newcombe, Furillo scoring. Then Jorgensen sigled to center and when Rickert let the ball go through him for an error, Campanella and Reese tallied and Jorgensen reached third. The uprising ended as Snider rolled to Sisti.

The Braves could not hit the ball beyon dthe infield and went out in order in the third. The Brooks then added a run to their lead as Robinson walked, stole second and, after Hodges and Furillo had been retired, crossed the plate on Rackley's single to center.

Heath launched the fourth with a single to right, only to be forced by Holmes, and Ryan's hopper to Reese resulted in a snappy double-play. The Dodgers put two runners aboard via walks to Jorgensen and Snider with two out, but Ryan captured Robsinson's twisting pop in short left and it remain 6—1.

It became 8—1 in the fifth. Hodges got a bunt single and went to third on Furillo's hit to right. Rackley flied to short left, but Campanella's single to left scored Hodges and when Heath kicked the ball for another error, Furillo reached third, tallying as Newcombe, battling against Johnny Antonelli, forced Campanella.

Stanky Out With Injury

The Braves had to struggle along without Eddie Stanky. The peppery second-sacker was sidelined with a sprained little finger on his right hand.

Hugh Casey, ye olde Dodger now with the Yankees, visited his former mates before the game.

"Reese Day," originally set for Friday, has been switched to Sunday, Sept. 25, it was announced by business manager Jack Collins.

The line-up:

BOSTON (N.)	BROOKLYN (N.)
Sisti, 2b	Reese, ss
Fletcher, 1b	Jorgensen, 3b
Rickert, cf	Snider, cf
R. Elliott, 3b	Robinson, 2b
Heath, lf	Hodges, 1b
Holmes, rf	Furillo, rf
Ryan, ss	Rackley, lf
Crandall, c	Campanella, c
Voiselle, p	Newcombe, p

Umpires—Robb, Pinelli and Gore.

The Play of the Day

Unquestionably, the biggest and most thrilling play of the afternoon was made in the fifth, at a time when the Dodgers had only a 2-0 edge. Newcombe got by the first two St. Louis batters, but walked Red Schoendienst and Marty Marion followed with a double to left, putting runners on third and second. Stan Musial was next up and Brooklyn rooters held their breaths, as Burt Shotton elected to pitch to The Man, rather than pass him and try to work on Enos Slaughter.

Musial caught hold of an outside pitch and drilled a screaming liner toward the leftcenter stands. It looked like curtains until Olmo, racing across the slippery grass, literally climbed the wall and made the catch, bouncing high against the exit-gate, 351 feet away. This was one of the most spectacular catches ever witnessed at Ebbets Field.

There were other sparkling plays, Furillo, Peewee Reese and Robinson bobbing up at the right time, but it was Olmo's catch that had the fans most excited. Olmo, by the way, was playing because Tommy Brown had an upset stomach.

Number Ten for Furillo

Furillo's homer was his tenth of the year. Campanella's his sixteenth and Hodges his nineteenth.

National League President Ford Frick was on hand and disclosed that a letter had been received by Bruce Edwards of the Dodgers several weeks ago, apparently attempting to "fix" a game. Hodges handed the letter to Secretary Harold Parrott, who turned it over to Frick, who in turn sent it along to Commissioner A. B. Chandler. The latter's investigators then went to work and in the end, it developed, the letter was sent by a "mental case."

The box score:

ST. LOUIS (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Sch'd'nst, 2b.	3	0	1	2	1	0
Marion, ss.	4	0	2	0	6	0
Musial, cf.	3	0	1	3	0	0
Slaughter, lf.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Northey, rf.	4	0	0	2	1	0
Nelson, 1b.	4	0	0	12	0	0
Garagiola, c.	4	0	1	4	1	1
Glaviano, 3b.	2	0	0	1	3	0
aH. Rice	1	0	0	0	0	0
Martin, p.	0	0	0	0	2	0
Brazle, p.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Klein, 3b.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total.	32	0	6	24	14	1

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Reese, ss.	5	0	1	2	2	0
Cox, 3b.	4	0	1	2	1	0
Furillo, rf.	4	1	1	5	0	0
Robinson, 2b.	3	1	2	0	5	0
Hodges, 1b.	3	2	1	8	0	0
McCormick, cf	3	0	1	1	0	0
Campanella, c.	4	1	1	6	0	0
Olmo, lf.	3	0	1	2	0	0
Rackley, lf.	0	1	0	1	0	0
Newcombe, p.	4	0	2	0	1	0
Total.	33	6	11	27	9	0

aStruck out for Glaviano in seventh.

St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0
Brooklyn	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	.	—6

Runs batted in—Furillo, Campanella, Hodges, Newcombe 3.

Two-base hits—Marion, Cox, McCormick, Robinson, Newcombe. Home runs—Furillo, Campanella, Hodges. Stolen bases—Robinson, Cox. Sacrifice—McCormick. Double play—Robinson, Reese and Hodges. Left on bases—St. Louis 7, Brooklyn 7. Bases on balls—Off Brazle 1, Martin 2, Newcombe 2. Struck out—By Brazle 3, Martin 1, Newcombe 6. Hits—Off Brazle 8 in 6 innings, Martin 3 in 2. Wild pitch—Martin. Balk—Newcombe. Winner—Newcombe (12—6). Loser—Brazle (13—6). Umpires—Dascoli, Warncke, Stewart and Conlan. Time of game—2:05. Attendance—21,[illegible].

BOSTON	ab.	r.	h.	o.	a.	BROOKLYN	ab.	r.	h.	o.	a.
Sisti, 2b	4	2	2	2		Reese, ss	4	0	3	3	
Fletcher, 1b	4	0	7	2		Miksis, ss	1	0	1	0	
Rickert, cf	4	0	1	0		Jorgensen, 3b	3	1	0	1	
Elliott, 3b	3	1	1	2		Snider, cf	4	0	1	0	
Heath, df	3	2	2	0		Robinson, 2b	4	2	3	5	
Holmes, rf	4	1	0	0		Hodges, 1b	5	3	7	2	
Ryan, ss	2	0	4	4		Furillo, rf	3	2	2	0	
Crandall, c	4	0	6	0		Rackley, lf	3	1	2	0	
Voiselle, p	1	0	0	1		Campan'la, c	3	2	7	0	
Antonelli, p	1	0	1	0		Newcombe, p	4	0	1	1	
aRussell	1	0	0	0							
Totals	31	6	24	11		Totals	34	11	27	12	

aStruck out for Antonelli in 9th.

Boston	010	000	100	—2
Brooklyn	051	020	20x	—10

SUMMARY—Runs: Sisti, Elliott, Reese, Robinson 2, Hodges 3, Furillo 3, Campanella. E: Voiselle, Rickert, Heath. RBI: Crandall, Hodges, Furillo, Reese, Jorgensen, Rackley, Camanella, Newcombe, Sisti. 2B: Furillo. 3B: Hodges. HR: Sisti. SB: Robinson. S: Rackley. DP: Reese, Robinson and Hodges; Sisti, Ryan and Fletcher; Hodges and Miksis. Left: Boston 7, Brooklyn 7. BB: off Newcombe 5, Voiselle 4, Antonelli 2. SO: by Newcombe 6, Antonelli 4. HO: Voiselle 8 in 4 1-3 innings; Antonelli 3 in 3 2-3. Winner: Newcombe (15-6). Loser: Voiselle (6-6). U: Robb, Pinelli and Gore. T: 2:17. A: 38,681.

BROOKLYN POUNDS VOISELLE QUICKLY

Dodgers Collect Five Runs in Second and One in Third at Ebbets Field

BRAVES FIRST TO COUNT

NEWCOMBE DOWNS CINCINNATI, 11 TO 5

Negro Righthander Breezes to Seventh Victory Before 18,328 Ladies Day Fans

N.Y. Times

TOMMY BROWN CONNECTS

New York.

Gets First 4-Bagger With 2 On—Campanella, Robinson Also Hit Circuit Blows

Sat. 7-16-49

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

There was no suspense for the Ladies' Day crowd of 18,328 fans at Ebbets Field yesterday, as one and all, including the 8,581 cash customers, had the loveliest time imaginable watching the league-leading Dodgers shellack the seventh-place Reds, 11—5. It was the Brooks' second victory in a row over the Cincinnati club.

Aided by Tommy Brown's first home run of the campaign, not to mention circuit smashes by Roy Campanella and Jackie Robinson, the Brooks put the crowd at its ease by piling up an 11-2 lead in the first six innings.

Thereafter there was no alarm when Don Newcombe, big Negro righthander, permitted the lowly Reds to score once in the seventh and twice in the eighth as he breezed to his seventh triumph and his third over the Reds.

The Cincinnati mound victim was Ken Raffensberger, who had split shut-outs with Newcombe in a double-header at Cincinnati on May 22—Don winning the first, 3—0, and Raffy the second, 2—0—and later in Brooklyn being beaten by Newcombe and the Dodgers, 11—3.

Routed in the Fifth

Ken didn't get by the fifth inning, filling the bases with none out on passes to Carl Furillo and Robinson and a bad fielder's choice on Gil Hodges' intended sacrifice, Ken throwing the ball too late to third base.

But Lively replaced Raffy at that point and, with Duke Snider inserted to bat for Luis Olmo, got little help from Walker Cooper, who let a pitch get away for a passed ball, on which two runs scored. Snider walked and Brown drove in a third run by grounding out to Bobby Adams—Tommy's fourth RBI of the game—and Campanella whacked his twelfth homer into the lower left-field stands after looking at one ball.

Brown, who was part of the all-righthanded-hitting line-up Manager Barney Shotton started against Raffensberger—with the exception of Newcombe—had driven in three runs in the second inning when he smacked Raffy's first pitch well into the lower left field stands in the wake of a single to left by Hodges and a double to right center by Olmo.

The Reds were given their first run by Cooper, who belted a first pitch from Newcombe into the same sector with two away and none on in the fourth inning for his No. 12—and his eighth since he was traded by the Giants to the Reds.

2-16-49

Red Defense Crumbles

In the fourth the Red defense crumbled and the Brooks scored twice, one run unearned, on singles by Olmo, Campanella and Peewee Reese, plus an error by Ted Kluszewski on Newcombe's hopping grounder. This frame might have been more productive had the ponderous Newcombe been able to halt his flight around second base on Reese's blow. Don was nailed off the bag on Harry Walker's throw to Adams.

Robinson's homer, his ninth, was a solo sock off Lively into the lower left-center-field stands in the sixth with one out.

Jesse Dobernic, pitching the last two innings for the Reds, gave up only an infield single by Brown in the seventh and a pass to Furillo in the eighth.

Johnny Wyrostek's two long doubles were chiefly responsible for the visitors' scoring in the later innings. He opened the seventh with a double to left center and got around on singles by Kluszewski and Adams. Johnny socked a two-bagger to the right center wall in the eighth, following a pass to Cooper and Red Stallcup's single to center for two runs—all with two out.

Two Brilliant Catches

Lowrey and Robinson committed larceny against each other. Peanuts made a great, leaping catch of Jackie's liner against the left field wall in the third and Robby went high in the air to snare Lowrey's liner in the fourth.

7-16-49

Mrs. Jack Banta, wife of the Dodgers' tall relief righthander, had her appendix removed in Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, yesterday morning and was reported doing well. Jack knew of her condition when he went in to pitch in Friday night's eighth inning which may have accounted for his ineffectiveness.

The box score:

CINCINNATI (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Walker, rf	4	0	0	0	1	0
Lowrey, lf	3	0	0	3	0	0
Dobernic, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
aLitwhiler	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hatton, 3b	3	0	0	1	2	0
Cooper, c	3	2	1	0	2	0
Stallcup, ss	4	1	2	2	3	0
Wy's'k, cf, lf	4	1	2	1	0	0
Klusz'ki, 1b	4	1	2	10	0	1
Adams, 2b	3	0	1	6	3	0
Raf'b'ger, p	1	0	1	0	1	0
Lively, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merriman, cf	2	0	1	1	0	0
Total	34	5	10	24	13	1

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Reese, ss	4	0	1	3	4	0
Cox, 3b	5	0	0	2	3	0
Furillo, rf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Robinson, 2b	4	2	1	2	4	0
Hodges, 1b	3	2	1	10	0	0
Olmo, cf	2	1	2	4	0	0
Snider, cf	1	1	0	1	0	0
Brown, lf	4	2	2	0	0	0
Camp'ella, c	4	2	2	4	0	0
Newcombe, p	3	0	0	0	2	0
Total	33	11	10	27	13	0

aWalked for Dobernic in ninth.

Cincinnati	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	— 5
Brooklyn	0	3	0	2	5	1	0	0	—	— 11

Runs batted in—Brown 4, Cooper, Reese, Walker, Campanella 2, Robinson, Adams, Wyrostek 2. Two-base hits—Olmo, Wyrostek 2. Home runs—Brown, Cooper, Campanella, Robinson. Sacrifices—Raffensberger, Hodges. Double plays—Robinson, Reese and Hodges 2; Hatton, Adams and Kluszewski. Left on bases—Cincinnati 7, Brooklyn 5. Bases on balls—Off Raffensberger 3, Lively 2, Newcombe 4, Dobernic 1. Struck out—By Raffensberger 1, Dobernic 1, Newcombe 4. Hits—Off Raffensberger 7 in 4 innings (none out in fifth), Lively 2 in 2, Dobernic 1 in 2. Passed ball—Cooper. Winner—Newcombe (7—2). Loser—Raffensberger (9—8). Umpires—Warneke, Stewart and Conlan. Time of game—2:06. Attendance—8,581 paid.

Dodgers Rout Pirates, 15-3; Second Called

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Pittsburgh, June 26 (AP).—Aided by a 10-run outburst in the seventh, the hot-as-the-weather Brooklyn Dodgers trampled the floundering Pirates, 15 to 3, in the first game of a scheduled double-header today.

The second game, delayed 42 minutes by rain, was called at the end of the third because of Pennsylvania's Sunday curfew. The Dodgers were ahead, 5-4.

The largest crowd of the season—39,548—sweltered in humid 91-degree heat that was unrelieved by the intermittent showers.

The rampaging Dodgers pushed across 10 runs in the seventh inning of the opener. They battered four Pittsburgh hurlers for 22 hits. Don Newcombe went the distance to win his fifth for the Dodgers against one defeat.

Dino Restelli, Pittsburgh's rookie outfielder, hit his eighth home run in the first inning of the nightcap but it didn't count when the game was erased from the books.

6-27-49 mar

Don Newcombe won his fifth victory for Brooklyn in the opener and had no difficulty taming the Pirates although he was touched for 13 hits. Batting honors went to Carl Furillo, the Dodger outfielder, who had five hits including his sixth home run. It was his third home run in as many days against the Pirates.

Bock'an, 3b	5	2	1	4	Pittsb'rgh	AB	H	O	A	
Reese, ss	5	4	4	3	Rojek, ss	5	1	0	2	
Cox, 3b	5	0	1	0	Brooklyn	AB	H	O	A	
Furillo, rf	5	5	0	0	Restelli, cf	5	2	4	0	
Whit'n, rf	1	1	2	0	Kiner, lf	4	1	4	0	
R'inson, 2b	4	3	1	5	W'tlake, rf	4	2	1	0	
Miksis, 2b	1	0	0	0	Stevens, 1b	4	0	10	0	
Hodges, 1b	5	2	9	0	Basgall, 2b	4	3	6	3	
Brown, lf	5	3	3	0	Masi, c	4	1	1	1	
H'anski, lf	0	0	0	0	Werle, p	2	0	0	2	
C'anella, c	6	3	5	0	Riddle, p	0	0	0	0	
Snider, cf	6	0	2	0	Casey, p	0	0	0	0	
N'combe, p	4	1	0	2	aWalker	1	1	0	0	
Totals	47	22	27	10	Sewell, p	0	0	0	0	
					bFitzG'rald	1	0	0	0	
					Totals	39	13	27	12	

aSingled for Casey in seventh.
bGrounded out for Sewell in ninth.

Brooklyn	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	— 15
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	—	— 3

Runs—Reese, Cox, Furillo (4), Whitman, Robinson (3), Hodges (2), Brown, Campanella, Newcombe, Restelli, Kiner, Westlake. Errors—Restelli (2), Rojek, Brown. Runs batted in—Basgall, Furillo (4), Brown (5), Campanella (2), Newcombe, Reese, Westlake (2). Two-base hits—Robinson, Reese, Brown, Newcombe, Rojek. Three-base hit—Furillo. Home run—Furillo. Sacrifice—Cox. Double plays—Rojek to Basgall to Stevens, Reese to Robinson to Hodges. Left on bases—Brooklyn, 11; Pittsburgh, 9. Base on balls—Werle, 2; Sewell, 2. Strikeouts—Newcombe, 5. Hits—Werle, 15 in 6; Riddle, 3 in ⅓; Casey, 2 in ⅔; Sewell, 2 in 2. Hit by pitcher—Casey (Robinson). Winner—Newcombe (5-1). Loser—Werle (4-5). Time—39.548.

BROOKS TURN BACK PITTSBURGH, 11 TO 3

June 9-5-49

Newcombe Registers His 10th Victory, Though Yielding 11 Blows Before 24,687

New York N.Y.

4-BAGGERS GET 7 TALLIES

Brown, Hodges and Snider Are Hitting Stars as Flatbush Forces Win 5th in Row

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

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PITTSBURGH, Aug. 4—With three homers driving in seven of their runs, the Dodgers today rolled relentlessly over the Pirates, 11—3, sweeping the series and running their winning streak to five games before a ladies' day crowd of 24,687.

Big Don Newcombe, although allowing eleven hits, breezed to his tenth triumph against three losses and his third over the Bucs without a setback.

The Brooks were extremely unkind to Vic Lombardi, their former team-mate, who started and left in the midst of the fifth after serving up his third home-run pitch.

That one was clouted deep into the visiting bullpen by Tommy Brown, his second of the year, with Peewee Reese aboard via an opening single to left.

In the second frame Gil Hodges whacked his No. 17 high off the left-field scoreboard in the wake of a pass to Jackie Robinson, and in the fourth Duke Snider followed a pair of singles by Hodges and Luis Olmo with his No. 17 into the right-field stands.

Dickson to the Rescue

Murry Dickson replaced Lombardi after Brown's clout and got out of the inning safely but gave up two runs in the sixth on Gene Hermanski's single to right, a passed ball by Phil Masi, Roy Campanella's long double to left center and Dixie Walker's boot of Newcombe's grounder—on which Roy scored from second base.

Hugh Casey, another old Dodger favorite, who worked the last three innings, gave up the other pair of runs, one in the eighth on singles by Campanella and Newcombe and another error by Walker, and one in the ninth on Marv Rackley's opening double off the distant right-center wall and Hodges' fourth hit, a single to left.

Hodges and Snider each drove in three runs and Gil now is only two behind Robinson in the RBI department with 82. Robby, incidentally, went hitless.

Newcombe got into his usual jam in the first inning when Pete Castiglione and Walker singled with none out but Dino Restelli bunted into a force play at third base and Don anchored the runners after walking Ralph Kiner.

The Bucs broke through for a run in the third when Danny Murtaugh singled to left after Restelli had singled and Wally Westlake had walked. Masi carried home a run in the fourth on Lombardi's single to left after Phil had opened with a triple to right center.

Murtaugh opened the eighth with a double into the left-field corner, went to third on Stan Rojek's looping single to left and scored while Masi was cracking into a double play.

New Record Looms

These young Dodgers are threatening to break the all-time Brooklyn team mark of 122 homers, hit in 1930 when Babe Herman set the individual homer record for a Dodger with 35. The 1949 Brooks now have belted out 103.

Carl Furillo flew to his home in Reading this morning for examination by the doctor who operated on him for a fistula last winter. He is expected to fly right back to Cincinnati, where the Brooks close out their western tour starting tomorrow night.

Official announcement was forwarded from the home office confirming the date of the Card-Dodgers play-off of the tie game of July 25. It will be played on the

afternoon of Tuesday, Aug. 23, Brooklyn's share of the proceeds going to Brooklyn Catholic Charities, Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and Brooklyn division, Protestant Council of New York. The St. Louis share will go to charities in that city. The game starts at 1:30 and a regularly scheduled night game will be played at 8:30 P. M.

Newcombe walked three and fanned the same number, putting him one behind Branca in strikeouts; Ralph has 83. . . . The Pirate management has the slight consolation that their home attendance now exceeds Brooklyn's home paid by a bit more than 12,000 with three fewer home games. . . . Nine games here with Brooklyn have drawn 222,286 paid. . . . Walker deserves a medal for his noble efforts at first base. Dixie really gives it a battle. . . . Kiner was held hitless in the last three games.

The box score:

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Reese, ss.	4	1	2	2	6	0
Cox, 3b.	4	0	0	1	1	0
Brown, lf.	3	1	1	3	0	1
Rackley, lf.	2	1	1	1	0	0
Rob'son, 2b.	4	1	0	3	3	0
Hodges, 1b.	5	2	4	9	0	0
Olmo, rf.	2	1	1	0	0	0
Herm'ski, rf.	3	1	1	1	0	0
Snider, cf.	5	1	1	3	0	0
Campa'la, c.	4	2	2	4	0	0
Newco'be, p.	4	0	1	0	2	0
Total	40	11	14	27	12	1

PITTSBURGH (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Castig'e, 3b.	5	0	1	1	2	0
Walker, 1b.	4	0	2	12	1	2
Restelli, cf.	4	1	1	0	0	0
Kiner, lf.	4	0	0	2	0	0
W'stlake, rf.	3	0	0	3	0	0
Murt'gh, 2b.	4	1	2	5	4	1
Rojek, ss.	4	0	2	2	8	0
Masi, c.	4	1	2	2	1	0
Lombardi, p.	2	0	1	0	1	0
Dickson, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
aChesnes	1	0	0	0	0	0
Casey, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	36	3	11	27	17	3

aStruck out for Dickson in sixth.

Brooklyn	0	2	0	3	2	2	0	1	1	—11
Pittsburgh	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	— 3

Runs batted in—Hodges 3, Murtaugh, Snider 3, Lombardi, Brown 2, Campanella.

Two-base hits—Masi, Campanella, Murtaugh, Rackley. Three-base hit—Masi. Home runs—Hodges, Snider, Brown. Stolen base—Hodges. Sacrifice—Cox. Double plays—Rojek, Murtaugh and Walker; Newcombe, Robinson and Hodges; Robinson, Reese and Hodges. Left on bases—Brooklyn 5, Pittsburgh 10. Bases on balls—Off Newcombe 3, Lombardi 2. Struck out—By Newcombe 3, Dickson 1. Hits—Off Lombardi 7 in 1-3 innings, Dickson 2 in 1 2-3, Casey 3 in 3. Hit by pitcher—By Newcombe (Restelli). Passed ball—Masi. Winner—Newcombe (10—3). Loser—Lombardi (4—2). Umpires—Barr, Ballanfant and Barlick. Time of game—2:28. Attendance—14,363

Newcombe Tops Phillies For Sixth Victory

BROOKLYN, N. Y. — (NNPA) —Big Don Newcombe, Brooklyn righthander, got credit for the 8-to-4 triumph of the Dodgers over the Phillies in the afternoon game of the morning and afternoon program at Ebbets Field on July 4, even though he had gone to the showers before the finish.

The Phillies knocked him out in the eighth inning when he loaded the bases with two out on two singles and his second walk. Jack Banta relieved him and struck out a pinch-hitter to pull the game out of the fire.

Newcombe yielded a run in the fourth inning on three successive singles, then two more in the sixth on a homer by Stan Lopata, the Phillies' catcher. He gave up another run in the seventh on two singles and a fly by Bill Nicholson, a pinchhitter.

GIVES UP 10 HITS

In the seven and two-thirds innings he worked, Newcombe gave up ten hits, struck out three batters.

In the morning game Jackie Robinson electrified the fans with his daring base runing. He went all the way from first to third on a single by Gil Hodges and then paid no attention to the stop signal of Milt Stock, the Dodgers' third base coach, and went on home to score.

Stan Holmig, the young Texas collegian playing right field for the Phillies, held the ball, apparently fascinated by the speed Jackie displayed on his way from second to third. When Robinson saw that Holmig was undecided about throwing the ball, he took ofr for home and scored standing up.

JACKIE TRIPLES

At bat three times in the morning game, Jackie was credited with one hit, a three-bagger, scored two runs and batted in another. Campanella, who caught the morning game, got one hit in four times at bat. The Dodgers won the morning contest also. The score was 7 to 1.

In the afternoon game, Jackie got two hits in four trips to the plate and also was credited with two sacrifice hits. He scored one run.

BROOKS SET BACK REDBIRDS BY 4-2

Triumph Before 32,965 Fans at St. Louis, Cut Leaders' Margin to 1½ Lengths

STALEY IS LOSING HURLER

Yields Runs in Third, Fourth and Fifth Innings—Martin Gives Up One in Eighth

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By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ST. LOUIS, July 31—The Dodgers today proved their ability to do something a lot of the folks back home were beginning to doubt—that is, beat the Cardinals, and a season's record Sportsman's Park crowd of 32,965 cash customers could offer corroborative testimony if it were needed.

It was a 4-2 triumph over the Redbirds that snapped—two of their winning streaks—nine straight over all apponents and six in a row, plus two consecutive ties, over the Brooks. It also reduced the Cards' first place lead to a game and a half and sent the Dodgers off to Pittsburgh tonight with their confidence restored and their hopes high.

Big Don Newcombe demonstrated that a Grade A pitching job was all the Shotton boys needed. He blanked the Cards on five hits until the ninth inning when singles by Ron Northey and Rocky Nelson, plus a pinch single to center by Lou Klein after two were out and an errant throw by Duke Snider, gave them both their runs.

At that, Newcombe would have had his shut-out had Peewee Reese been able to persuade Umpire Art Gore that he had picked Chuck Diering, Northey's pinch runner, off second base when Diering over-ran the bag on Nelson's single.

Reese's Claim Denied

Gene Hermanski fired the ball to Jackie Robinson, who quickly relayed it to Reese, whose claim was that he had tagged Diering before his head-first slide brought him back to the bag.

But the Brooks lost that argument, just as they had another with Umpire Babe Pinelli in the seventh, who made a decision that deprived them of a run.

Marv Rackley was on third and Duke Snider on first via singles when Robinson sent a high drive toward right center. Rackley tagged up and raced for home and Snider, far down toward second, legged it back for first when he saw Stan Musial catch the ball.

Pinelli did a double-take, then finally called Snider out, completing a double play that ended the inning. At the same time Umpire Frank Dascoli ruled that the out came before Rackley had crossed the plate.

However, neither the umpires nor the Cardinals could do anything about Newcombe's pitching once he had hurled himself out of a jam in the first inning when the Redbirds had the bases filled with one out and still couldn't score.

A run was prevented from counting when Country Slaughter, walked purposely, was hit by Northey's batted ball for the automatic second out. The grounder was headed directly for Robinson but it is doubtful the Brooks could have made a double play and Slats Marion, who had walked, would have scored.

One Run Off Martin

Gerry Staley was the victim of the Dodger attack that netted three runs, one each in the third, fourth and fifth, and Fred Martin gave up the other in the eighth.

Billy Cox scored in the third after beating out an infield hit to Tommy Glaviano and reaching third on Roy Campanella's line single a foot below the right field pavilion roof. Billy tallied as Newcombe slapped into a double play.

In the fourth, Newcombe came up again with two out and Hermanski on second via a single and a steal, and lined a scoring single to right.

Rackley's opening pop-fly double to left led to the third run in the fifth, Marv advancing on an infield out and beating Schoendienst's throw to the plate after Red had fielded Robinson's bounder.

Gil Hodges lined a double into the left field corner to start the eighth, moved up on another infield hit by Cox and registered on Campanella's long fly to Northey.

Newcombe now has won nine and lost three. Staley was charged with his sixth loss against the same number of successes.

The box score:

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Reese, ss.	4	0	0	1	2	0
Rackley, lf.	4	1	2	3	0	0
Snider, cf.	5	0	2	0	0	1
Robinson, 2b.	4	0	0	1	4	0
H'manski, rf.	4	1	1	4	0	0
Hodges, 1b.	4	1	1	10	1	0
Cox, 3b.	4	1	2	0	0	0
C'panella, c.	4	0	1	6	0	0
Newcombe, p.	4	0	1	2	0	0
Total	37	4	10	27	7	1

ST. LOUIS (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Sc'dienst, 2b.	4	0	0	4	3	1
Marion, ss.	3	0	0	3	4	0
Musial, cf.	4	0	1	3	1	0
Slaughter, lf.	3	0	1	3	0	0
Northey, rf.	4	0	2	1	0	0
cDiering	0	1	0	0	0	0
Nelson, 1b.	4	1	2	8	0	0
Garagiola, c.	4	0	1	3	1	0
Glaviano, 3b.	3	0	0	2	4	1
dKlein	1	0	1	0	0	0
Staley, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
aH. Rice	1	0	0	0	0	0
Martin, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
bJones	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reeder, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
eBaker	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	33	2	8	27	13	2

aFlied out for Staley in fifth.
bHit by pitched ball for Martin in eighth.
cRan for Northey in ninth.
dSingled for Glaviano in ninth.
eBounced out for Reeder in ninth.

Brooklyn	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	—4
St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	—2

Runs batted in—Newcombe, Robinson, Campanella, Klein.

Two-base hits—Musial, Garagiola, Rackley, Hodges. Stolen bases—Hermanski, Robinson, Cox. Double plays—Marion and Nelson; Robinson, Reese and Hodges; Musial and Nelson. Left on bases—Brooklyn 8, St. Louis 7. Bases on balls—Off Newcombe 2, Staley 1, Reeder 1. Struck out—By Newcombe 6, Staley 2, Reeder 1. Hits—Off Staley 6 in 5 innings, Martin 4 in 3, Reeder 0 in 1. Hit by pitcher—By Newcombe (Jones). Winner—Newcombe (9—3). Loser—Staley (6—6). Umpires—Dascoli, Pinelli, Gore and Robb. Time of game—2:26. Attendance—32,965 (paid).

Big Don Chased by N.Y. Giants

NEW YORK—(NNPA) — Don Newcombe was run or out the box for the first time in his last six starts as a Brooklyn Dodger pitcher when the New York Giants staged a 3-run uprising in the eighth inning to defeat the Dodgers, 4 to 1, Friday.

The Giants got seven hits off Newcombe in the seven innings he worked. There was none out when Jack Banta relieved him in the eighth. Newcombe spread three hits over the first six innings. He faltered in the seventh when the Giants tied up the game 1-all on a double by Willard Marshall, a sacrifice by Ray Mueller and a pinch single by Don Mueller.

Newcombe got in trouble at the start of the eighth. Whitey Lockman doubled to left and went to third on a bunt laid down by Bobby Thomson in front of the plate. Roy Campanella fielded the ball and threw to third to catch Lockman. The throw forced Billy Cox to stretch and he was out of position to tag Lockman. All hands were safe. Johnny Mize singled, scoring Lockman. That finished Newcombe.

Newcombe struck out two batters and walked two men. He now has a record of five wins and two defeats.

Both Jackie Robinson and Campanella went hitless in the game. Jackie was at bat four times and Campanella three.

Newcombe Cuts St. Louis Lead to Game

By TED SMITS

Brooklyn, Aug. 24 (AP)—Big Don Newcombe overpowered the St. Louis Cardinals 6-0 today to lift the Brooklyn Dodgers into the thick of the National League race again. To cap off his brilliant six-hit shutout, Newcombe cracked out a three-run double in the eighth.

The Dodgers' victory cut the Cardinals' National League lead to a single game, as against the two-game lead they held when they came to town yesterday. In winning the series 2-1 the Dodgers for the first time this year came out on top of a four-game arch-rivals.

Newcombe now has won 12 games against six losses. Despite the fact Carl Furillo, Roy Campanella, and Gil Hodges all hit homers with the bases empty, it was Newcombe's day. He held Stan Musial and Enos Slaughter to one hit each. He never let a man reach third.

Furillo Made Great Catch.

Al Brazle, who has beaten the Dodgers twice this season, did not have it. Lou Klein pinch hit for him in the seventh, and Carl Furillo made a great running catch of his low smash.

Defensive honors, however, went to Luis Olmo, the redeemed Mexican League jumper. On this occasion he did his jumping straight up—and snared a terrific drive by Musial in the fifth with two on, right under the 351 foot sign.

For a time it looked as if there wouldn't be any ball game. After a scoreless first inning, a torrent of rain fell. The field was covered and the crowd of 24,400 took shelter. But after a delay of 53 minutes, play was resumed and the sun came out coyly.

Up to the last of the eighth Newcombe then lined out his second hit of the day, a terrific low drive to the left field corner it was a close, tingling contest. that Slaughter had difficulty Then, with Fred Martin pitching fielding. By the time the squirtfor the Cardinals, Jackie Robin- ing ball had been cornered, the son led off with a double, his bases were cleared and the game second hit of the day; Hodges was on ice. walked; Mike McCormick sacrificed the runners along, and Marvin Rackley, batting for Olmo, also walked.

Don Newcombe, Dodgers' $500,000 Pitcher, Finds Things Tough in Cuban League

HAVANA, Cuba—Big Don Newcombe, Negro pitcher who was a sensation in the International League last season with Montreal, is finding it plenty rough here in the Cuban Winter League.

After failing to last in four appearances, Newcombe was handed his unconditional release by the Marianao team. He was signed after the International League season, during which he won 17 games and only lost 6.

Meantime, the battle for the pennant here continues to be close. Alex Crespo, sepia Cuban outfielder, is leading the league in hitting with a mark of .354. Henry Kimbro, Baltimore Elite Giants, playing with the Havana team is second with .346. Others in the battle for the batting championship are: Henry Thompson, Kansas City Monarchs, .326; Sam Jethroe, Montreal, .282, and Monte Irvin, Newark Eagles, .280. Branch Rickey called Newcombe "the best pitcher in the minors," and put a $500,000 price tag on him.

As soon as the Marianao club released him, Don was picked up by the league-leading Almendares team. As a result, he will remain here in Cuba and try to prove that his failure with the Marianao team was just one of those things. Whatever he does will be watched closely by Rickey and his Dodger crew.

POTENTIALLY GREAT, BUT—

Don Newcombe Needs Experience--Shotton

4-7a Afro-American

Baltimore Afro-American

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

VERO BEACH, Fla.—Don Newcombe, big 235-pound fast-baller, who led the International League with a .739 won and lost percentage last season, still needs another year in the minors in the opinion of Manager Burt Shotton, of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

"This boy has everything a pitcher needs," Shotton told the AFRO as he watched the Montreal ace tossing the last three innings of a training camp game between the Maroons and the Blues.

The Dodger pilot was sitting in his customary position on a tall stool behind the backstop. He talked out of the corner of his mouth as he kept his eyes glued on the field.

Lacks 'Know How'

"Don has a blazing, fast ball, a sharp curve and a good change-up. He can really throw that ball and he's gradually mastering his control. The only thing he lacks is the 'know how' about pitching.

This struck your correspondent as something of a shock, considering that Branch Rickey, in mid-winter, had evaluated Newcombe as a half-million-dollar chattel. Naturally, I wanted to know how Shotton could reconcile the fact that the Mahatma would place a $500,000 price tag on a fellow who doesn't know how to pitch.

"That's easily explained," replied the Brooklyn manager. "Newcombe, potentially, is worth that much money. When an untried player is evaluated, he is evaluated on his promise, his potential.

Potentially Great

"Newcombe has all the requisites to become a great pitcher. But he reminds me very much of Mel Harder, the old Cleveland star.

"Like Harder, Newcombe doesn't know how to follow his pitch. Look there, now. You see, after he has delivered his fast ball, his whole 'back-side' is in the batter's face. In other words, he goes through entirely too far.

"He'll never be able to field a ball that's hit back to him on his right. He can get those to his left because he's going in that direction, but when those dribblers come back on his throwing side, he's lost—maybe the ball game.

"Harder had the same fault and he probably lost more 1-0 and 2-1 games than any pitcher of his time, all on account of this difficulty.

Counted a Weakness

"Another weakness Don has," Shotton went on, "is his control. And I think that will straighten itself out in due time. He can't walk as many up here (in the majors) as he does in the minors, because a base on balls up here will hurt him more. You see most pitchers discover the major league 'strike zone' is much smaller than minor leagues.'

"Consequently, Don will walk more men and he won't strike out as many.

"The boy has a fine record and he has youth in his favor. The roster has him as 24 years old, but I've learned he's just 22. So he has plenty of time.

Needs Confidence

"It will be much better for him to build up his confidence in the minors, and to learn to correct his 'follow through' fault by spending another season at Montreal. A year too soon in the majors could wreck a great future.

"I've seen a number of fine pitchers who didn't have nearly as much stuff, but who had confidence and the 'know how.'"

Dodgers Deny Newcombe Has Quit

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BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The Brooklyn Dodgers denied this week that Pitcher Don Newcombe had quit the Montreal Royals on the way North from the training camp. "As far as we know," a Dodger official said, "Newcombe is with the club and still on the roster."

It was rumored last week that Newcombe and Manager Clay Hooper became involved in an argument and the pitcher left the club in a huff. It was also alleged that Newcombe was peeved because he had not been promoted to the Dodgers.

Last year he was Montreal's star pitcher and stood out in the Little World Series. Recently Branch Rickey said Newcombe was a $500,000 hurler.

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Hailed as Potentially Great

Don Newcombe, Montreal Royals pitcher, now working out with the Brooklyn Dodgers, who was hailed as a potentially great pitcher by Burt Shotton, pilot of the Dodgers.

Newcombe Big Attraction As Royals Stop Newark

By SAM MALTIN

MONTREAL—His salary arm still giving him trouble after a week's rest, Don Newcombe proved to be as effective as ever in his 1949 debut on the Montreal home grounds but had to be satisfied with an even break for the day, neither winning nor losing.

He went out in favor of a pinch-hitter when the Royals were two runs behind in the eighth inning. Teammate Dan Bankhead took over at the plate for Newcombe and came through with an infield

The advance announcement that Newcombe was to hurl the Sunday afternoon game, attracted the biggest crowd in years, which overflowed into the outfield with thousands turned away, and they were not disappointed, despite the fact that Newcombe had plenty of evidence to sue his teammates for non-support at the plate and in the outfield. It was in the last two innings he hurled, two of them ques-tionable. He walked one and struck out seven.

Working easy and not bearing

DRAWS BIG CROWD

	IP.	R.	H.	SO.	BB.	W.	L.	Pct.
Dan Bankhead	21	8	9	15	26	2	0	1.000

	I.P.	R.	H.	SO.	BB.	W.	L.	Pct.
Don Newcombe	27	5	15	24	9	2	1	.667

	AB.	R.	H.	RBI.	HR.	Pct.
Sam Jethroe	54	10	13	5	2	.240

down at all, Newcombe showed his pitching masterfulness at its greatest in the fourth inning.

GETS IN TROUBLE

The first Newark hitter to face him in that frame got a scratchy hit, stole second and went to third on an error. The next batter popped out and then came trouble. Newcombe was too careful with veteran Lew Riggs and walked him. This was followed with a bad throw by Montreal's first baseman Fondy giving Newark the first unearned run and putting another man on first.

That was when Newcombe decided to take things into his own pitching arm. He went to work and struck out the next two batters to retire the side.

The giant Montreal hurler has been suffering from a cold in his right arm from the beginning of the season, but it really started giving him trouble at Jersey City, when after three innings in a game against the Little Giants he was forced to give up, resulting in his first loss of the year.

Newcombe Wins Opener For Bums

The Washington Post
Mon. 5-23-49

Cincinnati, May 22 (AP).—Ken Raffensberger, veteran Cincinnati southpaw, pitched his third one-hit game in two seasons today to shut out the Brooklyn Dodgers 2-0 and give the Reds an even break in the Crosley Field twin bill.

The Dodgers won the opener 3-0 behind Don Newcombe.

Newcombe, huge Negro right-hander, made his first major league pitching for Brooklyn in the opener and turned in a sparkling five-hitter.

Newcombe fanned three and walked none.

Raffy's great performance broke a string of 19 consecutive Brooklyn victoreis over Cincinnati at Crosley Field. The Reds had not beaten the Dodgers here since June 22, 1947, and, on that occasion, Ewell Blackwell went to the ninth inning before allowing a hit.

Today's game was a heart-breaker for Raffensberger. He went seven full innings without allowing a safety. Gil Hodges broke the spell as first up in the eighth, when he lined a clean single into left.

First Game

Brooklyn	AB	H	O	A	Cincin'ati	AB	H	O	A
Reese,ss..	4	1	1	3	Adams,3b.	4	1	2	2
Whit'an,lf	4	0	4	0	Stallcup,ss	4	2	2	1
Snider,cf.	4	1	3	0	M'riman,cf	4	0	3	0
Hodges,1b	3	1	8	2	K'ewski,1b	3	1	11	0
Furillo,rf.	3	0	4	0	B'worth,2b	3	0	1	7
C'anella,c	4	1	3	0	Sauer,lf...	3	1	2	0
Miksis,3b.	2	0	1	2	Howell,c...	3	0	2	3
N'combe,p	4	1	2	2	Erautt,p...	2	0	0	0
					aB'mholtz.	1	0	0	0
					Gumbert,p	0	0	0	0
Totals..	31	7	27	11	Totals..	31	5	27	12

aGrounded out for Erautt in eighth.

Brooklyn	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Runs—Snider, Furillo, Campanella. Runs batted in—Newcombe (2), Robinson. Two-base hits—Robinson (2), Snider, Reese. Sacrifice—Miksis. Double play—Reese to Robinson to Hodges. Left on bases—Brooklyn, 6; Cincinnati, 4. Base on balls—Erautt, 3. Strikeouts—Newcombe, 3; Erautt, 1. Hits—Erautt, 7 in 8; Gumbert, 6 in 1. Hit by pitcher—Erautt (Furillo). Winner—Newcombe (1-0). Loser—Erautt (2-3). Time—1:55.

Second Game

Brooklyn	AB	H	O	A	Cincinnati	AB	H	O	A
Reese,ss..	4	0	1	7	Adams,3b	4	0	1	2
MC'm'k,lf	3	0	0	0	Stallcup,ss	4	0	1	1
Snider,cf.	3	0	2	1	Litwhil'r,rf	3	1	1	0
Rob'son,2b	3	0	1	2	M'riman,cf	0	0	0	0
Hodges,1b	2	1	16	0	Sauer,lf..	3	1	6	0
Furillo,rf	3	0	2	0	W'tek,cf,rf	3	0	6	0
Edwards,c	3	0	2	0	Bl'dw'th,2b	3	1	3	2
J'g'son,3b	0	0	0	1	Kl'wski,1b	3	0	4	0
Miksis,3b	3	0	0	3	Kress,1b..	0	0	11	0
C'pen'la,c	1	0	0	0	Mueller,c.	3	1	4	0
Hatten,p.	2	0	0	2	R'berger,p	2	0	0	1
aBrown..	1	0	0	0					
Totals..	27	1	24	16	Totals..	28	4	27	6

aFlied out for Hatten in ninth.

Brooklyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	x	2

Runs—Adams, Sauer. Errors—Reese, Miksis. Runs batted in—Litwhiler, Sauer. Two-base hit—Bloodworth. Home run—Sauer. Stolen base—Bloodworth. Sacrifice—Raffensberger. Double plays—Snider to Edwards; Stallcup to Bloodworth to Kluszewski. Left on bases—Brooklyn, 2; Cincinnati, 3. Base on balls—Raffensberger, 2. Strikeouts—Raffensberger, 3. Winner—Raffensberger (5-3). Loser—Hatten (3-2). Umpires—Warneke, Stewart and Conlan. Time—1:33. Attendance—28,141.

Defeat of Cubs Newcombe's 4th

The Afro American
Baltimore Md.

Big Don Victor In 6-Hitter by 2-1

Sat. 6-25-49

CHICAGO—(NNPA)—Big Don Newcombe turned in a nifty six-hit job to notch his fourth win against no losses since his advent into the big leagues as the Brooklyn Dodgers chalked up a 2-to-1 win over the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field last Friday.

Only one of the hits Newcombe gave up went for extra bases. It was a double by Hank Edwards, Cubs' right fielder, who got two of the Cubs' six hits.

Newcombe gave up only two bases on balls, one of which was turned into a run. He walked Emil Verban in the sixth. Hal Jeffcoat sacrificed. Verban scored on a single by Edwards, which caromed into center field off Jackie Robinson's knee. Newcombe struck out three batters.

Sat. 6-25-49

Aid from Mates

Roy Campanella, Newcombe's battery mate, gave the big right hander a one-run edge in the third with a home run which cleared the wire fence in left center.

Jackie got two hits in three times at bat. He also stole second in the sixth, beating Rube Walker's throw with a slide which created a mild dust storm. In addition, Jackie turned in a fielding gem when he went far to his left to throw out Andy Rafko.

Newcombe delivered only eighty-four pitches in winning his fourth victory.

Cubs Farm Club Signs McDaniel

LOS ANGELES (ANP) — Booker McDaniel, 27-year-old righthander for the Kansas City Monarchs, has been signed by the Los Angeles, Chicago Cubs farm team of the Pacific Coast league.

Sat. 6-25-49

Booker, the first colored person to be signed by the club in its 47-year history, arrived Sunday in Seattle from Louisville, Ky., to help pitch the Angels out of seventh place.

The club's reluctance to hire colored players has provoked city-wide protest in Los Angeles and on several occasions Wrigley Field, in Los Angeles, has provided a background for long lines of anti-jim crow pickets.

Dodgers Tally Ten Runs In Seventh Inning To Trample Floundering Pirates, 15 To 3

The Advertiser, Montgomery, Ala

PITTSBURGH, June 26 —(AP)— Aided by a 10-run outburst in the seventh, the hot-as-the-weather Brooklyn Dodgers trampled the floundering Pirates 15 to 3 in the first game of a scheduled double header today. The second game, delayed 42 minutes by rain, was called at the end of the third because of Pennsylvania's Sunday curfew. The Dodgers were ahead 5-4.

The largest crowd of the season—39,548—sweltered in humid 91-degree heat that was unrelieved by the intermittent showers.

Mon. 6-29-49

Dino Restelli, Pittsburgh's rookie outfielder, hit his eighth home run in the first inning of the nightcap but it didn't count when the game was erased from the books.

The first place Dodgers swarmed over the Pirates 17-10 yesterday to give them a total of 32 runs in the two games.

Don Newcombe won his fifth victory for Brooklyn in the opener and had no difficulty taming the Pirates although he was touched for 13 hits.

Batting honors went to Carl Furillo, the Dodger outfielder, who had five hits including his sixth home run. It was his third home run in as many days against the Pirates.

The Brooklyn boys went to town in the seventh. They sent 14 men to the plate and 10 of them scored, as they belted three pitchers for nine hits and the Pirates committed two errors. Two of the runs came over when Restelli dropped Gil Hodger's low sinking liner.

BROOKLYN	ab.	h.	o.	a.	PITTSBURGH	ab.	h.	o.	a.
Reese,ss	5	4	4	3	Rojeck,ss	5	1	0	2
Cox,3b	5	0	1	0	Bockman,3b	5	2	1	4
Furillo,rf	5	5	0	0	Restelli,cf	5	2	4	0
Whitman,rf	1	1	2	0	Kiner,lf	4	1	4	0
Robinson,2b	4	3	1	5	Westlake,rf	4	2	1	0
Miksis,2b	1	0	0	0	Stevens,1b	4	0	10	0
Hodges,1b	5	2	9	0	Basgall,2b	4	3	6	3
Brown,lf	5	3	3	0	Masi,c	4	1	1	1
Hermanski,lf	0	0	0	0	Werle,p	2	0	0	2
Campanela,c	6	3	5	0	Riddle,p	0	0	0	0
Snider,cf	6	0	2	0	Casey,p	0	0	0	0
Newcombe,p	4	1	0	2	aWalker	1	1	0	0
					Sewell,p	0	0	0	0
					bFitzgerald	1	0	0	0
Totals	47	22	27	10	Totals	39	13	27	12

a Singled for Casey in 7th.
bGrounded out for Sewell in 9th.

Brooklyn	0	0	3	0	1	0	(10)	0	1—15
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0— 3

SUMMARY—Runs: Reese, Cox, Furillo 4, Whitman, Robinson 3, Hodges, Brown, Campanella, Newcombe, Restelli, Kiner, Westlake. Error: Restelli 2, Rojek, Brown. Runs batted in: Basgall, Furillo 4, Brown 5, Campanella 2, Newcombe, Reese, Westlake 2. Double: Robinson, Reese, Brown, Newcombe, Rojek. Triple: Furillo. Home run: Furillo. Sacrifice: Cox. Double play: Rojek, Basgall and Stevens; Reese, Robinson and Hodges. Left on base: Brooklyn 11, Pittsburgh 9. Base on balls: Werle 2, Sewell 2. Struck out: Newcombe 5. Hits off: Werle 15 in 6 innings; Riddle 3 in 1/3; Casey 2 in 2/3; Sewell 2 in 2. Hit by pitcher: Casey (Robinson). Wild pitch: Werle. Winner: Newcombe (5-1). Loser: Werle (4-5). Umpires: Robb, Pinelli and Gore. Time—2:59.

Fireball Righthander Joins Club in Chicago

The Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Long Period of Speculation Ends With Elevation to Bums; Says He's 'Ready'

Sat. 7-23-49

By SAM LACY, AFRO Sports Editor

Don Newcombe, 22-year-old Elizabeth, N.J., fireballer, joined the pitching staff of the Brooklyn Dodgers in Chicago, Ill., on Tuesday.

The 6-foot, 4-inch righthander reported to Manager Burt Shotton at the Stevens Hotel, the Dodgers' Chicago headquarters, and declared himself "ready to help out" the Bums' teetering hurling corps "as much as I can."

Last winter, President Branch Rickey placed a $500,000 price tag on big Don's right arm. This

Newcombe's promotion comes about after three years in the minors. He spent the 1946-47 seasons at Nashua, of New England League, where he virtually toyed with the opposition while annexing 36 victories against 10 losses. In his three years in Organized Baseball, Big Don checked off the amazing record of 58 wins against 17 losses, including his current standing of 2-1 in the 1949 International League race.

spring, talking in a more serious vein, said Newcombe is worth $300,000.

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Elevation of Newcombe to the Dodgers was the culmination of a long period of speculation on the part of those close to the Brooklyn front office. Two days before the opening of the season, the AFRO predicted that the big fellow would be promoted from Montreal to the parent club "by the time the big leagues, before midnight of May 19. Only men who are no means later than June 1."

The fact that Big Don was trans-erred from the Montreal Royals expected to be of service through the better part of the season are

roster to that of the Dodgers, just three days before the May 20 deadline, would seem to indicate that Rickey and Manager Shotton have complete confidence in his ability to pitch winning ball in a long period of speculation on the National League.

Usual Cutting Now

It is usually at this time that major league clubs are pruning their rosters fast, to get down to the big league limit, as required by

kept in the fold of the average club, despite his habit of "popping off," a habit which has kept him in the bad graces of the Dodger management, was, nevertheless, confident of his ability to win in the majors. Last year, at Montreal, he acquired a record of 17 wins against six losses. To this, he added one playoff victory and one World Series triumphs, for a 20-6 season record.

Spent 3 Years in Minors

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

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Crack on Checker Playing Started Big Don in Baseball

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Brooklyn Dodgers Hurling Ace Fulfills Major League Dream in Six Short Years After Barber Shop Wisecrack

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

ELIZABETH, N.J.—"Boy, why don't you give up?" asked the older of two opponents as he scraped his chair back from a make-shift checker table, set up in Pryor's Barber Shop on Magnolia Avenue.

"As a checker player, you'd make a good pitcher," he continued in disgust, looking disdainfully on the youngster who refused to say quit even after seven straight losses.

"Big as you are," the older fellow went on jokingly, "you should be ashamed of yourself letting a checker game get the best of you."

The several hangers-on, always a part of any barber-shop or pool-room competition, began to snicker. And, thus encouraged, the youth's tormentor broke out anew.

"Checkers!" he snorted. "If I were 17 years old, six feet tall and over 200 pounds, you can bet I'd be able to do something more than play a second-rate game of checkers!

Wisecrack Started It All

"Why don't you try football? Or better still, why don't you stick to baseball?"

Now it was time for one or two of the bystanders to break into a big laugh. "Yeah," one said, "why don't you stick to baseball? You make a pretty good pitcher for those Roselle Stars!"

This last crack dug deeply into the sensitive skin of the youngster for, in reality, he had been pitching for a sandlot team in Roselle, N.J., and, until then, had been very proud of the fact he was looked upon as their ace.

It was this checker game with its aftermath of wise-cracking, that—strange as it may seem—produced the National League's 1949 "Rookie of the Year."

For the younger of those two players in the Magnolia Avenue barber shop that December afternoon in 1943, was none other than Don Newcombe, righthanded ace of the Brooklyn Dodgers' mound staff.

And even more strange, perhaps, is the fact that his conqueror at checkers was the person who steered the big fellow into baseball.

He is Buddy Holder, now a clerk in a large business concern in this city.

Holder, at the time, was friendly with Abe Manley, owner of the now defunct Newark Eagles of the old Negro National League.

He put Newcombe in his car and took him to the Manley home on Crawford St., Newark, introduced him and suggested he be given a tryout with the club.

Mrs. Effa Manley, wife of the owner and general manager of the Eagles, was immediately impressed with his size. She didn't sign him right away but told him to hold himself in readiness to report to spring training the following April.

Determined to Make Good

Newcombe, never suffering from lack of confidence in himself, reported to the Eagles' Richmond, Va., camp determined to make good. Still fresh in his mind were the slurs of the barber-shop checker game, so he meant to make professional baseball his career even if he had to throw his right arm off doing it!

He didn't have to. The Manleys signed him to a contract as the team prepared to head North, and Newcombe was in.

Big Don won seven and lost six for the Eagles in his first season, 1944. But in 1945, he really found himself, hanging up a 14-4 record in competition with such widely experienced clubs as the Homestead Grays, New York Cubans, Baltimore Elites, Philadelphia Stars, etc.

But if the December day and the checker game stand out in Newcombe's memory, there is still another that deserves top ranking in the life notes of the big Jerseyan.

That would be Oct. 14, 1945.

This was a Sunday and it would have been a sunny day for Don anyway, what with his marriage to the former Freddie Green, of Portsmouth, Va., just 24 hours old.

But that wasn't all he had to cheer about as things turned out. For, it was on this late fall afternoon that Big Don toed the mound for a Negro National League all-star team against a collection of topline major leaguers.

Under a pre-game agreement, he could only pitch three innings of the contest, the same as if it were played under the All-Star Game rules of the major leagues.

Defeated All-Stars

But in those three frames, Newcombe ran the gamut of a batting order that included such ranking names as Eddie Stanky, Tommy Holmes, Whitey Kurowski, Jim Russell, Frank McCormick, Buddy Kerr, etc.

And he didn't allow a single hit! The game, incidentally, was played at Ebbets Field and as Newcombe was leaving the dressing room, he was accosted by Clyde Sukeforth, the same Brooklyn Dodger coach-scout who two months before had obtained Jackie Robinson for Branch Rickey's Bums.

"How'd you like to get a shot at a job in our organization?" Sukeforth asked, getting immediately to the point.

"I'd like it fine," Big Don beamed. "I'd like that just fine."

Sukeforth fell in step with Newcombe and the two of them walked down the runway toward the exit gates. They talked at length and parted with the scout telling Newcombe he would probably contact him in a few days.

Signed Next Day

The next afternoon the phone jangled in the Grand Hotel (Newark) room of Don and his recent bride. It was Sukeforth telling Newcombe, "Mr. Rickey wants to see you. Can you come right over?"

In just a little more time than it takes to answer, "Certainly," Newcombe was on his way to the Hudson Tube and Brooklyn.

An agreement was reached whereby Don was to be paid a certain amount to play with the Danville (Ill.) club of the Three Eye League, a farm of the Dodgers. But before he signed, Newcombe says he told the Manleys of his new opportunity and the amount of the offer.

The Eagle owners, according to Don, told him they could not match the Rickey salary and agreed that he should take it.

But, along about this time, the officials of the Danville team advised the Brooklyn front office they'd rather not undertake the integration experiment. So, Rickey ordered a new contract extended to Newcombe and to Roy Campanella, with whom the Dodgers had also closed a deal.

Shipped to Nashua

The result was that Big Don and his stellar Dodger batterymate, Campanella, were shipped to the Bums' farm at Nashua, N.H., in the New England League.

With Campy doing the catching, Newcombe won 14 games and lost four during the 1946 N.E. campaign. He then added two more wins in the Governors' Cup playoffs.

But, just as he had shown improvement in his second year in the NNL, Big Don bettered his Nashua record in 1947, hanging up a 19-6 mark, eleven of them coming in an unbroken string. To this also, he added a pair of victories in the playoffs.

In both years he was with the New Hampshire club, Don led them to the league championship.

Last year, at Montreal, the big fellow confounded the International League hitters with 17 wins against six setbacks, coming within two outs of hurling successive no-hitters against Toronto and Rochester within a week's time.

In the post- season Shaughnessy playoffs, Newcombe racked up two more triumphs, then climaxed his brilliant year with a brace of victories in the Little World Series.

His record with the 1949 Dodgers is fresh in the minds of all AFRO readers. But a brief recap shows he was the National League's leading righthander, boasting:

(a) 17 wins and 8 defeats;
(b) 148 strikeouts to share top ranking in this department with the Braves' Warren Spahn, who had 152;
(c) three consecutive shutouts, and
(d) 32⅓ successive scoreless innings against the loop's three best hitting clubs, the Pittsburgh Pirates, New York Giants and St. Louis Cardinals.

And what makes his performance more impressive is the fact Big Don accomplished all this after spotting the rest of the league a month's start. Newcombe was not called up to the Dodgers from Montreal until May 17th.

Sensitive Fellow

Ironically, it was Don's sensitive nature—referred to earlier in this piece—that nearly got him in some rather serious trouble and his father, Roland, in jail.

Because he was exceptionally large for his age, ever since his recovery from a pneumonia deathbed, the big fellow tried to compensate for his heft by adding to his years. That, incidentally, is why most rosters which carry his name list him as 25, when actually he is only 23 years old.

It started in early 1942, when he enlisted as an Army recruit, giving his age as the minimum 18. He was only 16 at the time.

Chances are, too, he would have gotten away with it had he not decided one warm June day, to take a trip with a friend who was an interstate truck driver. The friend picked him up and the two rode the long haul to Memphis, Tenn.

Military Difficulties

But it was at this very moment that the Army decided it wanted

Checkers for Don

BROOKLYN — Among the many gifts presented to Don Newcombe on "Don Newcombe Night" at Ebbets Field, Sept. 24th, was — a checker game.

ons of Roland and Mrs. wcombe. An older brothl Jr., is a bus driver in and, N.Y. Two younger Harold, 21, and Norman, their home at the family

wcombe, for 28 years a in private service, is oyed at the Singer Sew- ne Co., factory, here. e picture of health today, at he has suffered only us illness in his life. the attack of pneumonia

Buys $15,000 Home

Today, less than six years after he was whiling away his time in that Magnolia Avenue barber shop, Newcombe is in pretty fair shape, economically as well as physically.

Within the month he and his charming wife moved into their newly-purchased $15,000 home at Colonia, N.J., a stone's throw from this city. And the other evening, Don's Brooklyn admirers presented him a 1950 Buick during cere-

Don had succeeded in talking his father into signing for his enlistment in the Navy. And the months between July, 1942, and September, 1943, found Newcombe in bell-bottoms at Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Following his discharge, the big fellow returned to his home here and within a short time he was involved in that memorable checker game.

Don, the picture of health today, reports that he has suffered only one serious illness in his life. Don's Brooklyn admirers presented him a 1950 Buick during cere-

New Jersey Native

Born in Madison, N.J., on June 14, 1926, Don is the second oldest

It called him. And when ding was heard from him ply, it sent for him. Don's father knew nothing about his son's action and told the Army brass there must have been some mistake. Naturally, Uncle Sam's lads would have none of that. They gave the elder Newcombe the alternative of producing his son—in person and pronto—or signing an affidavit to his correct age and pulling him out of the Army. He chose the latter course. Two months later, though, Big

monies honoring "Don Newcombe Night."

SPORTS

Big Don Newcombe Stars For Brooklyn In Defeat

By LAWTON CARVER
International News Service Sports Editor

NEW YORK — There is nothing more democratic than baseball as it is being played in the 1949 world series. It opened with an American Indian named Allie Reynolds, from Bethany, Okla., winning a pitching duel over Don Newcombe, a Negro from Elizabeth, N. J.

It continued in the second game Thursday with Thursday with Vic Raschi, a genuine Yankee from West Springfield, Mass., opposed on the Brooklyn Dodger pitching mound by one Preacher Roe, a lanky son of Ashflat, Ark., with a lantern jaw and an Adam's apple.

The opener Wednesday was enough to put you to sleep if you happened to be an addict of modern day slugging and free-wheeling hitting. For sheer artistry nothing like the pitching of Reynolds and Newcombe has been seen often anywhere.

Lost in the shuffle of Reynolds' two-hitter and Tommy Henrich's game-busting home run was the brilliant pitching of Brooklyn's Don Newcombe.

The Yankees, one and all, agreed that Big Don was fogging them through as fast as anyone they faced all season in the American League.

And 66,224 fans seconded the motion. Except for Henrich's poke into the right field stands, the Yanks hit very few ball solidly. With the clever Newcomb mixing them up, the New Yorkers saw topped drives fall spinning at their feet or undercut balls pop harmlessly into the air.

FANNED 11; WALKED NONE

Newcombe's 11 strikeouts were only two shy of the World Series record set by Howard Emhke of the Philadelphia Athletics in 1929 against the Chicago Cubs. He didn't walk a man!

Big Don said before the game that this one was "a thrill, but just another game." He said he felt none of the tenseness he did in the last regular season game against Philadelphia, when the Dodgers clinched the pennant.

WINNER LAUDS LOSER

"He's a great pitcher," said Reynolds. "He's mighty quick and has great control. It was a shame he had to lose."

Reynolds—who got two of the five hits off Newcombe—added: "When he really bore down on me in the eighth, I couldn't have hit him with a tennis racquet."

Then the lovers of the coup de grace got theirs when old Tommy Henrich, of Massillon D., known as "Old Reliable," hit a two and nothing curve ball to open the last half of the ninth and to end the game.

Don Newcombe Tops Hurlers In National By Rickey System

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—(AP)—By Branch Rickey's own system of rating pitchers, his Don Newcombe was tops in the National League last season.

The president of the Brooklyn Dodgers tosses out earned run averages, the standard by which the National League ranks pitchers' effectiveness. The won and lost records also are given a once-over lightly.

Rickey bases his figures on innings pitched, hits allowed, walks and strikeouts. Naturally the fewer hits than innings pitched and more strikeouts than walks count as plus values. He does make exceptions in case of wild young pitchers who also have big strikeout totals.

Take, for instance, the case of Red Munger of the St. Louis Cardinals. He gave up 179 hits in 188 innings for a plus nine. He walked 87 and fanned 82 for a minus five. His overall season value would then be a plus four. As he rated 15th in the earned run averages and 16th on the Rockey system, he loses little. However, he was fifth in won-lost percentage.

Newcombe, seventh in earned runs and third in won-lost percentage, is top man in the Rickey ratings. He allowed 223 hits in 244 innings and struck out 149 to 73 walks. That adds up to a plus 95.

Warren Spahn of the Boston Braves is the No. 2 man as Rickey ranks them. The Dodgers' Preacher Roe and St. Louis' Howie Pollet follow next in order.

Dave Koslo of the New York Giants, a surprise first in the official earned run rankings announced last week, is tied for fifth with teammate Larry Jansen in the Rickey system. In E.R.A. Jansen was No. 14.

Only member of the first 10 pitchers under the earned run system to suffer to any extent on Rickey's figures is the Phils' Ken Heintzelman. Kenny did all right in the hits and innings department but he handed out 93 bases on balls to 65 strikeouts. He was fourth in earned runs with a fine 3.02 average.

Heintzelman won't mind whatever Rickey might want to do with the 1949 figures because the Dodgers were his best pals. Ken whipped Brooklyn five straight before they finally hung a loss on him in the final pennant-deciding game of the season.

It is interesting to apply the Rickey idea to the pitchers who were not eligible for the National League's most effective rating system because they did not pitch 10 complete games.

There is the Cards' Teddy Wilks, top reliefer in the league. You don't have to wonder why he comes up with a plus 46 under the Rickey system. Ted seldom walks a hitter, passing only 38 in 118 innings.

Pitchers with high ratings under the new system include Gerry Staley of the Cards, Jack Banta, Ralph Branca and Rex Barney of Brooklyn, Curt Simmons of the Phillies and Nels Potter of Boston, now with Cincinnati.

Dodgers Win Behind Newcombe

Brooklyn, Aug. 28 (AP).—Brooklyn backed up big Don Newcombe's four-hit pitching with a seven-run, three-homer splurge in the third inning as the Dodgers routed Pittsburgh, 9-0 today. Duke Snider, Gil Hodges and Roy Campanella clubbed out the four-baggers in the third. Billy Cox belted a fourth homer in the eighth.

A crowd of 23,633 saw the Dodgers, battling to stay close to the front-running St. Louis Cards, rout Bob Chesnes in the third.

Pittsb'gh.	AB	H	O	A	Brooklyn.	AB	H	O	A
Rojek,ss..	4	1	4	7	Reese,ss...	4	0	2	5
Hopp,1b..	4	1	10	1	Cox,3b....	4	1	0	2
Saffell,cf.	1	0	0	0	Snider,cf..	5	2	2	0
Kiner,lf...	4	0	0	0	Rob'son,2b	3	1	2	3
Walker,rf.	3	0	0	0	Hodges,1b.	4	1	11	1
C'lione,3b.	4	0	1	3	Furillo,rf..	4	2	1	0
Basgall,2b	1	0	3	2	C'panella,c	3	3	7	0
Mur'gh,2b	3	1	3	4	McC'ick,lf.	4	0	2	0
McC'gh,c.	1	0	1	0	N'combe,p	3	1	0	0
FitzG'ld,c	2	0	2	0					
Chesnes,p	1	0	0	0	Totals..	34	11	27	11
L'bardi,p.	2	1	0	0					
Totals..	30	4	24	17					

Pittsburgh	000	000	000—0
Brooklyn	007	000	11x—9

Runs—Reese, Cox, Snider, Robinson, Hodges, Furillo (2), Campanella, Newcombe. Errors—Rojek (2), Reese. Runs batted in—Snider (3), Hodges (2), Campanella (3), Cox. Two-base hits—Murtaugh, Campanella. Three-base hit—Robinson. Home runs—Snider, Hodges, Campanella, Cox. Stolen base—Saffell. Double plays—Hodges to Reese to Hodges, Basgall to Hopp, Reese to Robinson to Hodges, Castiglione to Murtaugh to Hopp, Rojek to Murtaugh. Left on bases—Pittsburgh, 8; Brooklyn, 7. Base on balls—Chesnes, 3; Lombardi, 3; Newcombe, 5. Strikeouts—Lombardi, 2; Newcombe, 6. Hits—Chesnes, 3 in 2⅓; Lombardi, 8 in 4⅔. Winner—Newcombe (13-6). Loser—Chesnes (5-10).

Jubilant Dodgers Hail Victory in Clubhouse

Manager Burt Shotton is hoisted aloft by Don Newcombe in the dressing room following the game that saw the club take the National League flag.

Associated Press Wirephotos

Yankees Defeat Brooklyn, 6-4, To Come Within Game Of Title

BROOKLYN, Oct. 8—(AP)—The New York Yankees advanced to within one game of baseball's world championship today by defeating the Brooklyn Dodgers, 6-4.

Now leading, three victories to one, the American Leaguers need only to win Sunday to take the title.

Ed Lopat was credited with today's Yankee victory, but he needed the support of Allie Reynolds, who came to the box in the sixth after the Dodgers had scored four runs on seven singles and ended the inning by striking out Spider Jorgensen.

Don Newcombe, the big Brooklyn Negro who pitched so brilliantly in the first game of the series, won by the Yankees, 1-0, did not have what was needed today, and the Yankees belted him for three runs in the fourth. New York added three more off Joe Hatten in the fifth, and it later proved that both of these two big innings were needed when the Dodgers started hitting Lopat with abandon.

Today's game was in marked contrast to the previous three pitching duels in the series, all of which were settled by one-run margins. After the Yankees took the first 1-0, the Dodgers won the second by the same score, and the Yankees captured the third, 4-3.

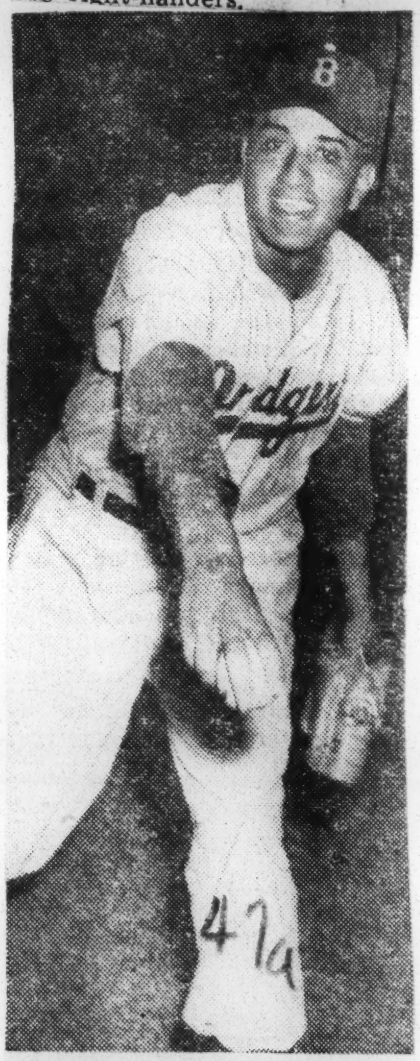
Should the Dodgers win tomorrow, the series would move back to big Yankee Stadium for the sixth game Monday. The seventh, if needed, would be played there Tuesday.

Today 33,934 jammed into Ebbets Field to bring the total attendance for the series to 202,999 and the receipts to a net of $962,462.43.

Although no official announcement has been made it appeared that each player on the winning team would receive at least $5,884 for his World Series share, and the losers would get about $4,164 apiece.

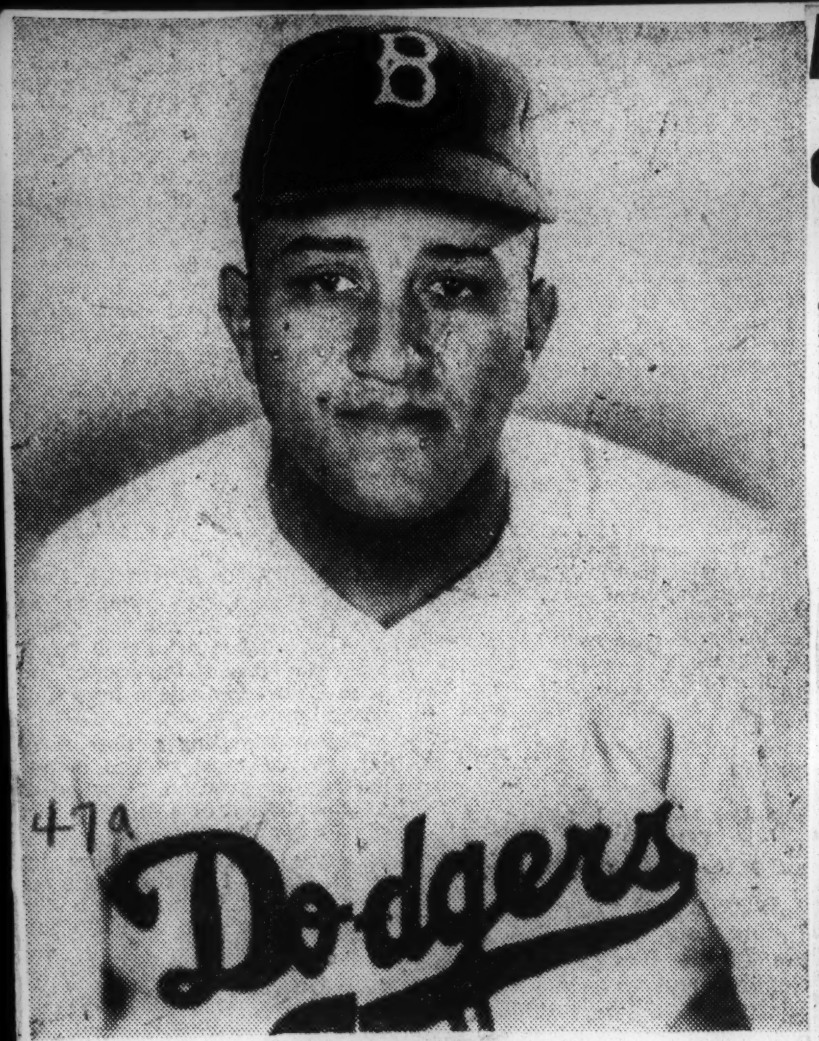
The players do not share in the receipts after the fourth game.

With the Dodgers needing to win tomorrow to keep alive their chances, Manager Burt Shotton declined to announce his pitching choice. It is expected to be Rex Barney. Manager Casey Stengel of the Yankees selected Vic Raschi, who lost to the slender Brooklyn star, Elwin (Preacher) Roe, in the second game. Both Barney and Raschi are right-handers.



SINGER STRIKER'S SON

Brilliant pitching of Don Newcombe (above), Brooklyn Dodger, last week cut the St. Louis Cardinals' National League lead to a single game. Newcombe, son of James Newcombe, one of the 7000 Electrical Workers on strike at the Singer Mfg. Co. plant at Elizabeth, N. J., was the host to 50 children of the strikers at Ebbets Field last week.



DON NEWCOMBE

Fans Shower Gifts, Including '50 Buick, on Big Don as Bum Ace Hurls 16th Win

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

BROOKLYN—A sell-out crowd of 34,083 — second largest night gathering of the season — was on the scene Saturday night as Don Newcombe hurled a four-hit, 8-1 triumph over the Philadelphia Phillies for his 16th win of the torrid National League pennant race.

It was a fitting contribution by the big pitcher himself to the program arranged in his honor.

"Don Newcombe Night" began with a committee of Brooklyn fans, headed by a local newspaper, presenting the Dodger righthander with a 1950 Buick automobile, among other gifts. It ended with Big Don forcing Puddin' Head Jones to lift an easy fly to center for the game's final out.

Shutout Spoiled

Just two batters earlier, Andy Seminick, the Phils' slugging catcher, had delivered the blow which spoiled a shutout for the big fellow. With two down in the ninth, Seminick crashed a Newcombe fast ball into the upper seats of the leftfield stands.

Before that, the Phils had been able to reach Newcombe for only three safeties — and one of these was undeserving — a harmless pop into short right center which Jackie Robinson, Duke Snider or Carl Furillo could have handled with ease, but didn't because nobody called.

This occurred in the second inning, the only other time during the evening that Big Don's desired shouldout was threatened.

The bloop single was off the bat of Bill Nicholson after two were out. It was followed by a ringing one-baser to right by Jones, Nicholson holding at second in deference to the Furillo throwing arm. Newcombe, however, ended the frame by making Mike Goliat roll to Pee Wee Reese.

Reese Stars Afield

Reese, incidentally, turned in the fielding gem of the night, an over-the-head snag of pinch-hitter Bill Glynn's hoist directly on the foul line in short left. The catch, a honey if ever there was one, followed on the heels of Pee Wee's muff of Goliat's bouncer opening the frame.

Hanging up nine strikeouts, Big Don kept up his hot pursuit of Warren Spahn for the league leadership in this department. The Boston Braves' southpaw whiffed six Giants in the afternoon to run his season's toal to 140. Newcombe's efforts of Saturday night pressed his 1949 output to 138, just two off the pace.

Roy Campanella aided the cause by blasting a home-run in the sixth. It was his 22nd of the year, and marked the sixth time this season that Big Don's battery mate has homered while he was on the mound.

In all, Campy collected two hits in three tries, bringing his average to .290, including the Saturday night test.

Jackie Robinson singled on his last trip to the plate to avoid being blanked in the hit department for the night. After striking out with a man on in the first, Robbie popped to short in the third and lined out to right in the ninth.

Wife, Mother Watch

In pre-game ceremonies, Newcombe was presented the car, a baseball statuette with a pitcher atop, a check from a Brooklyn theatre and a certificate for a suit of clothes from a Flatbush haberdashery.

Mrs. Freddie Newcombe, the pitcher's wife, received an orchid, spoke a warm "Thank you" into the microphone, then stepped back with Big Don's mother to watch the proceedings adong with other members of his family.

Newcombe's Dodger teammates stood with bared heads during the exercises.

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DODGER NEGRO STAR GETS 105 OF 116 VOTES

Six Others Share 11 Ballots

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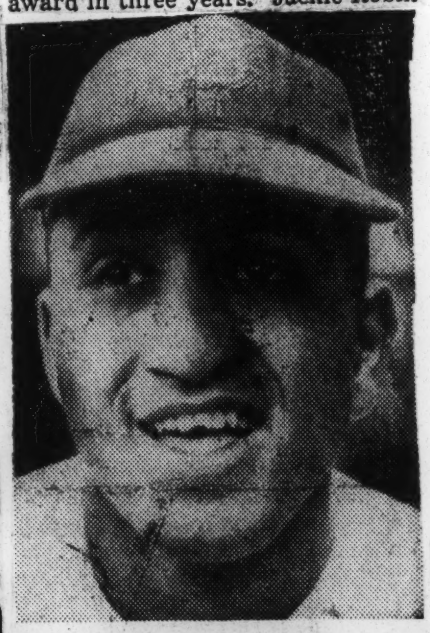

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Earns American League Respect

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Honors for Don!
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Brooklyn Pitcher Is Second Negro In Three Years To Win Award

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A committee of three writers from each league city made the selections. It was the first time a Rookie has been chosen from each circuit, rather than one for both leagues.

Newcombe, who won 17 games and lost eight in less than a full season with the National League Champion Dodgers, polled all but three votes in his circuit. The only other National Leaguer to receive votes was Del Crandall, young Boston Braves catcher.

Sievers was the American League choice on ten ballots, five more than Alex Kellner, 20-game winning pitcher of the Philadelphia Athletics. Jerry Coleman, second baseman of the New York Yankees, received four votes. One vote apiece went to Cleveland Pitcher Mike Garcia, Detroit outfielder Johnny Groth and Chicago pitcher Bob Kuzava.

Newcombe started the 1949 season at Montreal in the International League but was an overnight sensation when he joined the Dodgers. His sizzling fast ball and his poise on the mound stamped him as a prospective all-time mound great.

Big Don struck out 11 men in the first game of the World Series but lost, 1 to 0, when Tommy Henrich homered for the Yankees in the ninth inning. Later in the series, he was knocked off the mound.

Sievers, a 23-year old native son, came up to the Browns from Springfield of the three-I League, and his long ball hitting was a bright spot in the otherwise drab St. Louis season.

Roy is the first American Leaguer honored by the writers. Brooklyn's Jackie Robinson won the Rookie Award in 1947 and Alvin Dark of Braves in 1948 as the outstanding Freshman in both Leagues.

Shares Honor With Sievers Of St. Louis

pat. 10-29-49

By International News Service

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Don Newcombe, Brooklyn Dodgers pitcher, and Roy Sievers, white St. Louis Browns outfielder, won acclaim this week as outstanding Rookies of the Year for their respective leagues by Sporting News, national baseball weekly.

The double selection was a departure from the usual custom of the publication of naming only one outstanding freshman player.

The choice of Newcombe and Sievers, announced Sunday was based on a poll of baseball writers.

Previous winners were:

Outfielder Dell Ennis, Philadelphia, 1946.

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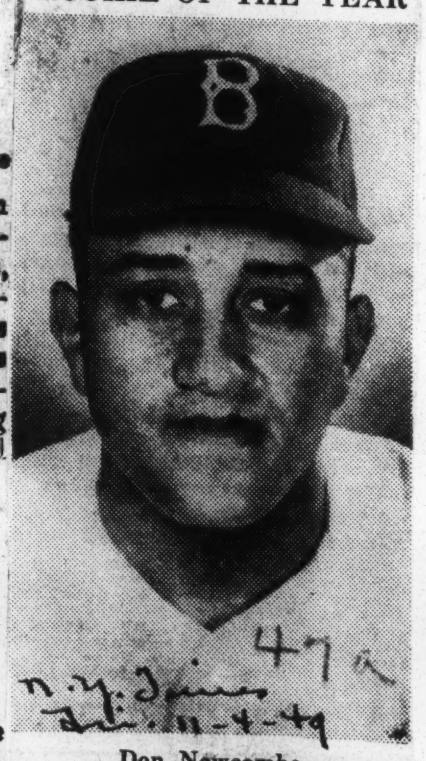

Don Newcombe

The New York Times

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"That's right," agreed Williams. "He's about as fast as anybody in our league. Hal Newhouse, Virgil Trucks, Vic Raschi and Bob Feller aren't any faster."

Newcombe spared no club, beating them all at least twice during the campaign. He whipped Pittsburgh four times and the Cincinnati Reds thrice.

Don got his baptism of fire May 20 as a relief pitcher against the Cards. St. Louis bashed his offerings for hour hits and three runs in one-third of an inning to send him to a quick shower.

Newcombe came right back two days later and blanked Cincinnati, 3—0, on five hits. It was the first of his five shutout victories. In one stretch he pitched 32 1/3 straight scoreless innings and three shutouts.

Started 31 Games

He participated in 35 games, 31 as a starter, and completed 19. Pitching with only two days rest was not unusual for him.

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BUMS JUBILANT OVER VICTORY:

Big Don May Pitch 2 Games in Series

By SAM LACY, AFRO Sports Editor

NEW YORK—Indications here Monday were that Big Don Newcombe, 17-game winner for the Brooklyn Dodgers during the season, may draw two pitching assignments in the World Series which opens Wednesday afternoon with the Dodgers facing the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium.

Manager Burt Shotton indicated that he would start his southpaw ace, Preacher Roe, in the opener, with Newcombe ready for the second contest. Newcombe also will draw Sunday's fifth game assignment, if the series goes that long.

Confident of Victory

To a man, the Dodgers claim they knew they would cop the National League flag and the Yankees would win out in the American as early as last midweek. Says Jackie Robinson:

"We knew we were in when Leo Durocher predicted while we were in Boston that the Cardinals would beat the Red Sox in the World Series."

An estimated 25,000 men, women and children turned Penn Station into a bedlam Sunday night when the triumphant Brooks returned from Philadelphia with the NL Pennant safely in tow. Paced by the corny blaring of the Dodgers' most ardent rooting outfit, the Sym-Phony band, they stormed from one end of the concourse to the other as railroad attaches refused to divulge onto which train the club's special cars had been hooked.

Police Escort Jackie

Jackie Robinson had to be escorted through the howling mob by a cordon of police, then spirted away from the station in a prowl car. Roy Campanella and Don Newcombe escaped the celebration, the former having motored to Philadelphia and the latter having detrained at Newark, N.J.

Don Newcombe, ever the kid who refuses to grow up, ruffled the quiet dignity of Manager Burt Shotton when he picked up the elderly pilot and walked around the Dodgers' dressing room following Sunday's flag-clinching victory, yelling "Whee, we did it!"

Shotton protested, but finally the latter stopped kidding long enough for photographers to record the sight.

Colored and white Dodgers fans drank champagne on Hugh Casey, the ex-Dodger, now making his third World Series, this time with the New York Yankees. An impromptu on-the-house party was staged at Casey's Chop House in Flatbush shortly after the two league races had been decided Sunday evening.

Catches Defense Sleep

Robbie's second base theft in Sunday's climactic battle was a delayed steal. It occurred in the fourth, just one inning after he had pilfered second on the key play in the Brooks' five-run third. On this latter occasion, Jackie did not break with the pitcher's delivery. Instead he waited until Catcher Andy Seminick had the ball, then started his sprint, catching the entire Philadelphia defense sound asleep.

Jackie Robinson summed up the tough Phillies tangle: "That was rugged, that was nerve-racking. After that the World Series will be a lead-pipe cinch as far as my nerves are concerned."

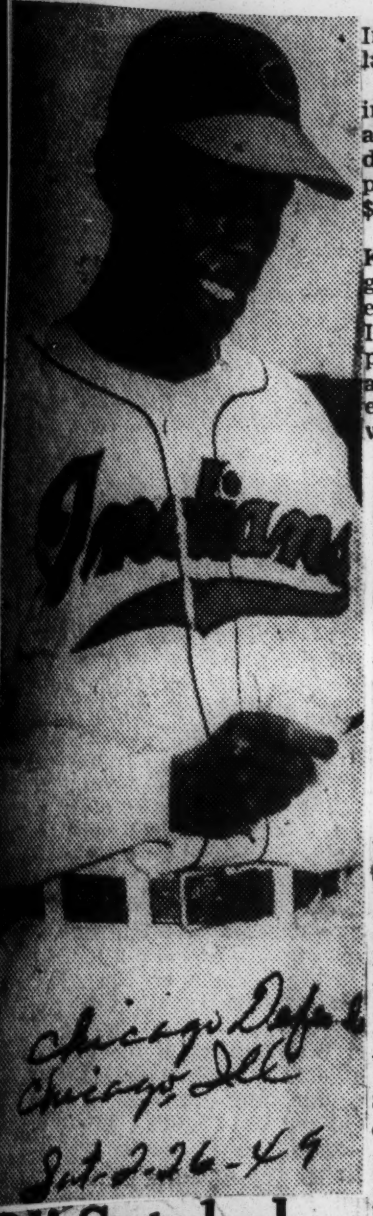
The Dodgers thrilled over the outcome of the American League race, almost as much as they did their own. A series in Yankee Stadium means more dough for each of the players than would have been available from play in pint-sized Fenway Park, Boston.

With a 10-cent series on tap, there will be no break between the second and third games of the Dodger-Yankee playoff as is customary when the contesting clubs have to travel.

Games will be played there Wednesday and Thursday, and at Ebbets Field Friday, Saturday and Sunday (if needed). The sixth and seventh games, if they're necessary, will go back to the stadium.

It will be Robinson's second series; the first for Roy Campanella and Don Newcombe.

The Dodgers will win.



Ol' Satchel Again Signs With Indians

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Leroy "Satchel" Paige, 42-year-old pitching ace of the Cleveland Indians, who drew more fans to the Indians' games than Bob Feller who gets a bonus on attendance figures, has signed his 1949 contract and mailed it to Cleveland.

Paige received a salary of $10,000 for three months last year. He was given a bonus after he pitched and won against the Chicago White Sox. He received another bonus at the end of the season and also received a full share of the Cleveland world series money.

Paige told reporters that he had been given a raise this year but refused to state how much. He did, however, say that he intended to have a talk with President Bill Veeck, general manager of the Indians. He was to fly to Cleveland this week end.

Feller's contract was for $50,000 in 1948. His bonus was given out as $30,000. This year Feller, who didn't do so well last year compared to previous seasons, took a $10,000 salary cut.

Paige formerly pitched for the Kansas City Monarchs in the Negro American League. He was signed by Veeck in July when the Indians were up against it for pitching. He was primarily signed as a relief pitcher but blossomed out into a starting role. He won six games and lost one.

Ancient Hurler Wins 2-1

CLEVELAND, Ohio

The venerable Satchel Paige proved to doubting Thomases once again that he can still pitch a lot of baseball when he hurled the hapless Cleveland Indians to a 2 to 1 11-inning victory over the rejuvenated Chicago Whitesox here Sunday in the second half of a double-header. The Sox won the first game, 4-2.

Paige, hurling superbly, broke the jinx that had shackled the world's champion Indians by winning the first Sunday game for the Tribe in seven straight Sundays of play. Aided by an eleventh-inning pinch single by player Manager Lou Boudreau, Satch was impressive in this victory that may prove the turn in the tide of fortune for the Tribe. Young Billy Pierce was the opposing hurler.

Satch held the bothersome Sox to eight hits, only two of them, both of the scratch variety, coming before the eighth inning. It was in this inning, after the punchless Tribe batters in their half of the seventh had managed to squeeze across one run on a triple by Mickey Vernon, that the Sox got three singles in a row to drive across their lone run of the game, but enough to send the game into extra innings.

The able Paige, calling on all his hoary pitching lore, was able to hold the Chicagoans in check until his teammates mustered enough strength to push across the winning run in that tense, thrill-packed eleventh-inning that climaxed the 3 hours and 35 minutes of play.

Three times Satch let men reach bases, and in the tenth inning let men reach second and third on a balk, but each time he pitched himself out of trouble.

In the course of the eleven innings, Paige struck out eight men and gave up three walks. He also committed one balk.

Larry Doby, the Tribe's slender but powerful young sophomore outfielder, was unimpressive at bat during the gruelling doubleheader, and like most of the other Cleveland Indians gave Paige little support. Larry went hitless in the second game in five times at bat.

Doby, after his sensational hitting in the East, had been elevated to the clean up spot, but the series against the Sox has shown little of the power which has sent baseball writers scurrying to record books in an attempt to check up on distance records which he might have established.

The writers are still talking about the three home runs Doby hit last week. The one in New York and the two in Washington. The longest one, which might be the longest ever hit, was his first Washington home run which cleared a sixty-foot signboard in right center field. Everyone concedes that it went further than 500 feet. Lou Boudreau believes that it was better than 575 feet. There is no doubt that it was one of the most prodigious blows in he history of the game and many are predicting that Larry, who weighs but 185 pounds, will equal the terrific hitting records of the giants of baseball, Babe Ruth and Jimmy Foxx, reputed to be the two most powerful hitters the game has ever known.

Doby has snapped out of his batting slum. On his Eastern tour, after sinking to a low of .182, Doby brought his average up as high as .260. It is now .256. On the road Doby hit a sound .367 to lead the rest of his mates at the bat. Sunday was his worst day in several weeks.

Paige Whips Chisox, 2-1, in First Start of Season

Outlasts Two White Sox Hurlers in Overtime Contest, Fans 7 in 3rd Win Over Same Club

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

CLEVELAND—If Satchel Paige ever gets too old to pitch any longer, it will not be too soon for the Chicago White Sox—of that you can be sure. For the venerable righthander of the Cleveland Indians turned back the ambitious Windy Cityans, 2-1, in his first start of the year here Sunday before 47,769 paying customers.

True, it took him — or rather his teammates — 11 innings to turn the trick, but it was turned, thanks to the mound mastery of Ol' Satch. And the White Sox, understandably, weren't too pleased about the whole thing.

Paige, you see, appears to hold some kind of Indian sign on the Sox for the Indians. In winning his Sabbath victory over the pale-hosed clan, Satchel clung to a perfect average against them. In his only two starts last year against Chicago, Satchel was the victor. Sunday's win gave him three starts, three complete games, three victories.

Two Runs in 29 Innings

In 29 innings the Lean One has allowed the White Sox only two runs. Last year's scores were 3-0 and 2-1.

On Sunday, Satchel outlasted Rookie Billy Pierce and his former teammate, Ed Klieman, to gain the decision. He gave up seven hits, struck out nine and walked three.

Satchel Paige Sparkles In Relief Chores

CHICAGO — (NNPA) —Satchel Paige went to the mound once too often in a relief role and the Chicago White Sox scored three runs in the eighth inning last Wednesday night to defeat the Cleveland Indians, 9 to 6.

It was the fourth game in four days in which Paige had worked. He saved two, won one and was charged with Wednesday night's defeat for his fifth loss of the season against three victories.

Paige went on to pitch in the eighth after Roberto Avila had batted for Gene Bearden in the top half of the inning. Luke Appling, the aging White Sox shortstop, open the attack against him with him fourth single of the game. Luke went to third on Cass Michaels' double off the left field fence. Norfolk, Va.

Charlie Kress was purposely passed, filling the bases. Steve Souchcock hit a fly ball in short right field and it fell for a double when Joe Gordon and Bob Kennedy collided while chasing it. The men scored to put the Sox ahead, 9 to 6.

Larry Doby got three hits in five times at bat a scored two runs.

Paige pitched in relief roles in three games as the Indians won four games over two days, July 3 and 4.

In the first games of the Sunday doubleheader at Cleveland, Satchell relieved Early Wynn in the ninth inning with none out after Jack Graham, St. Louis Browns' first baseman, hit his 11 homer of the season.

INDIANS TAKE TWO

At the time. Paige went in the Indians were leading 4 to 3. Paige retired the side in order, pitching to only three men, to save the game for Wynn.

The Indians won both games by scores of 4 to 3. In the second game, Paige took the mound in the tenth inning, faced only three men and was given credit for the victory to make his season record three wins and four defeats. He replaced Sam Zoldak, for whom Hal Pec batted and walked.

Larry Doby contributed heavily to the offensive support which made Wynn's victory possible in the opener of the Sunday game. The Indian centerfielder got three hits in three times at bat, scored two runs and batted in another. The Indians scored their first run in the third inning when Doby bunted safely, reached second on an error by Graham and raced home on a single by Gordon.

DOBY SINGLES

In the fifth, Mitchell opened with a triple to left center and, with two out, scored as Doby singled to center. Gordon walked and Boudreau doubled, scoring Doby and Gordon.

Doby went hitless in four trips to the plate in the nightcap.

Bob Feller was given credit for the 3-to-2 victory of the Indians over the Detroit Tigers in the first game of the July 4 doubleheader at Detroit, but he needed the help ot Paige, who retired six men in order in the eighth and ninth.

Paige was given a rousing ovation as he entered the game as a relief pitcher. When the Tigers came to bat in the last of the eighth, the fans looked toward the Cleveland bullpen, which is located under the stands in left center.

Ol' Satch Heavier and Eager Checks Into Indian Camp

The Washington Post
Washington, D. C. Wed.

Tucson, Ariz., March 15 (AP).—Satchel Paige, displaying all the pep of an eager beaver rookie, unlimbered his lanky frame today to start his second year in big-time baseball. 3-16-49

The famous Negro hurler arrived in Tucson last night while the rest of the Cleveland Indians played ball in Phoenix. But he had permission from Manager Lou Boudreau to arrive late.

And he said he was in great shape. In his words:

"I been taking those baths and climbing those mountains (at Hot Springs, Ark.). Boy, those hills get pretty high. I gained some weight this winter. I was down in Mobile most of the time and I ate a mess of sea food. I love that stuff."

Last season, his record was six victories and one loss. This year he thinks he will do better.

"Knowing the hitters is everything," said Satch. "That first, then condition. I'm in good shape now, and I'll be in better shape after I chase some fungoes." 3-16-49

Paige Gets Salary Increase

The Kansas City Star

Satch Predicts 20 Victories

Tues 2-15-49

By Al Dopking

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Los Angeles Calif

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"Yea," he says, "I signed my 1949 contract."

And with a little prompting, Ole Satch reported, he had been given a little boost in salary—he didn't care to say how much. Last season Paige is believed to have earned about $15,000.

"I think I got a pretty good contract," Satch said.

And with that the famous tosser announced he was going to fly to Cleveland this week end to "talk some more" with Bill Veeck, president of the club.

"I'm going up there especially to see Mr. Veeck," he reported. "I got several things I want to talk over with him."

Veeck has admitted Paige drew more fans per game than Bob Feller.

GOOD MEDICAL REPORT

Satchel gave a good medical report on himself.

"You know last season I had a little trouble with my stomach," he said. "And for a while I was a little worried about it. But I've been up to see my physicians and I'm feeling all right.

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"Now I figure I oughta be good for 19, yea, maybe 20, victories this season because I'm feeling in pretty good shape."

Satchel Paige Signs Contract; Gets Pay Boost

Montgomery Ala. Advertiser

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Alfs American
Sat 4-9-49

(Pitcher)

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Baltimore Md.

Although his exact age still remains shrouded in mystry, Satchel Paige is undoubtedly the oldest player ever to receive votes in the balloting for "Rookie of the Year."

In many ways it is too bad that Paige didn't receive those votes many years ago for, in just half a season with the Indians, he proved that the almost legendary reports of his pitching prowess were closer to the truth than anyone dared believe. Even in his forties he has more speed than most American League hurlers and better control than any of them.

But the disbelievers were legion when Bill Veeck signed the fabulous pitcher to a Cleveland contract in early July. It was nothing more than a cheap publicity stunt, they wrote, Then, on July 9th, Paige became the first member of his race to pitch in the American League and immediately set about the business of proving the charges ridiculous by shutting out the Browns in a two-inning relief stint.

From that point, Boudreau let him work into shape gradually before giving him his first start on August 3 against Washington. He won that one, although removed for a pinch hitter in the seventh, and he did it before more than 72,000 screaming fans who cheered his every move. That crowd was the largest by seven thousand to ever see a night game in Cleveland but the record lasted only until Paige's next appearance.

Just for the books, that next home assignment came on the night of August 20th against the eighth place Chicago White Sox who would normally draw only those people who had nothing else to do. When the turnstile check had finally been completed it was found that the assemblage numbered 78,383 and represented an all-time record crowd for a night baseball game anywhere.

If the attendance was of interest to the historians, so was the result. For by beating the Sox 1-0, Paige stretched the Indian shutout string to four consecutive games and tied a record that was first set in 1903. His nine shutout innings also boosted the Indian string to 39 and set the stage for Bob Lemon to establish a new record of 47 the following afternoon.

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But Paige's amazing ability and magnetism were not confined to Cleveland alone. In Chicago he shut out the White Sox before a crowd officially recorded as the second largest in the history of Comiskey Park. Actually, it was probably the largest, but no one will know how many of the twenty thousand milling around outside the gates came in when the turnstiles gave way.

On his one advertised appearance in Boston, police estimated that fifteen thousand were turned away. In St. Louis he attracted the practically unheard of total of more the 17,000—nearly twice as many as the season's previous high.

But if these attendance figures were startling, so was his record on the mound. Of these seven starts, he won four and lost none. In three of them he went the distance giving only, 5, 3 and 6 hits. Two were shutouts.

For his over-all balance sheet he could point to the second best earned-run average in the circuit, a stingy 2.47 which was bettered only by his own teammate, Gene Bearden.

Year	Club	G	W	L	PCT.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1948	Cleveland	21	6	1	.857	73	61	21	20	45	25	2.47

Satchel Paige Sleeps Late but Reports Pay Rise

New York Herald Tribune

Pitcher Signs With Indians for 1949; Salary Last Year Reported at $15,000

Tues 2-15-49

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 14 (AP).—Leroy (Satchel) Paige, the ancient and fabulous Negro pitcher, slept through today's snowstorm and most of the morning, but finally got up and announced he had signed his 1949 contract with the Cleveland Indians with more pay.

He was pretty happy about it once he crawled out of bed, but it was some effort to reach Ole Satch this snowy day here. First announcement from his residence here was that the hurler was sound asleep and couldn't be disturbed before 11 a. m.

When he did get up the gangling, good-natured and heavens-know-how-old pitcher came right to the point.

"Yea," he says, "I signed my 1949 contract."

And with a little prompting, "Ole Satch" reported, he had been given a little boost in salary—he didn't care to say how much. Last season Paige is believed to have earned about $15,000.

"I think I got a pretty good contract," "Satch" said. "But, you know, how it is we all think we coulda done a little better."

And with that the famous tosser, who played with the Kansas City Monarchs for years before joining the American League club, announced he was going to Cleveland this week end to "talk some more" with Bill Veeck, president of the club.

"I'm going up there especially to see Mr. Veeck," he reported. "I got several things I want to talk over with him."

Veeck has admitted Paige drew more fans per game than Bob Feller. Feller gets paid a huge attendance bonus and Paige has been on a straight salary.

"Satchel" gave a good medical report on himself.

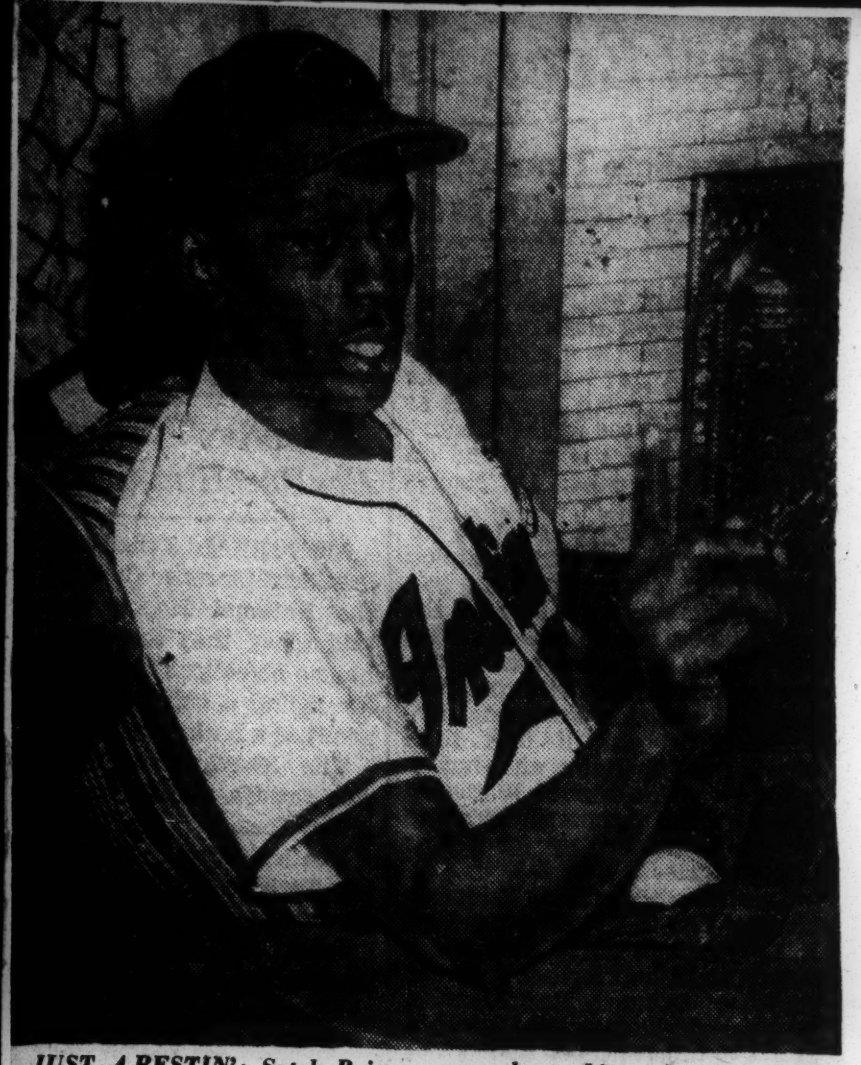
"You know last season I had a little trouble with my stomach," he said. "And for a while I was a little worried about it. But I've been up to see my physicians—you know I have two of them here in Kansas City—and I'm feeling all right. Tues 2-15-49

"Now I figure I oughta be good for nineteen, yea maybe twenty this season because I'm feeling in pretty good shape."

He wasn't so sure about what the Indians might do. "We (the Indians) have got a good chance but I wouldn't say we were going to win any pennant," he said. "We've strengthened up but so have the other clubs."

Asked if he thought he would better his last season's performance, Paige shot back:

"Yea, my goodness yea. "I won six out of seven last



JUST A-RESTIN': Satch Paige contemplates things from an easy cair. Yesterday he left his bed late to announce that he had received a pay raise Herald Tribune—Acme

Paige Hopes to Be Starting Pitcher: Out to Win Twenty

By WILLIAM "DIZZY" DISMUKES

(Secretary of the Kansas City Monarchs, former star pitcher with Indianapolis ABCs and one of the most astute managers and developers of baseball talent in the country.)

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—I believe that Satchel Paige is the highest priced sepia ball player in the major leagues. I also have it from his own lips that he hopes to win a starting assignment on the mound with the Cleveland Indians this season and is out to win twenty games.

This highlighted an interview which I had with "Ol' Satch" a few days ago just prior to his departure for Hot Springs, Ark. It was the first time I had even glimpsed him since he joined the Cleveland Indians.

Naturally, I was interested in hearing from the lips of the elongated one, several things I feared he had been asked scores and scores of times. I ran across Satch during one of his busiest times . . . He was installing a brand new bathtub and tile shower in his comfortable residence at 2220 E. Twelfth Street. To get the information I desired, I had to go on a three-hour shopping tour, asking questions, writing and listening the while we were riding.

First, I found out that Satch had spent six weeks during the off season at his birthplace, Mobile, Ala. While there he purchased a comfortable eight-room house for his mother. As secretary of the Kansas City Monarchs, I have traveled extensively by automobile with Satch. On inquiry I found out that he still gets tickets for speeding . . . He wouldn't be Satch if he didn't.

There is one big change I noted in Paige. He seems to have become a serious person as he talks of the coming season. He told me that he planned to leave for Hot Springs and the course of baths before joining the Indians at Tucson, Ariz. Playing hunches, Satch stated that his two best seasons (1943-1944) followed a preliminary training set-up at Hot Springs.

Remembering that Satch was first used by the Indians in relief role, I wanted to know what he preferred . . . a starting assignment or that of relief pitcher.

"Either way they want to use me," Satch replied, "but watch and see if Manager Boudreau won't list me as one of his starters after the spring training grind is over. With any kind of luck I'll be up there around the twenty-game winning bracket."

Satch is in a talking mood now and continues:

"Do you know that St. Louis club gave us more trouble than any club in the league? We just didn't seem able to beat them That Dillinger and Lehner seemed to have a field day any time we played them."

I cut in with the following question: "What batter up there gave you the most trouble?" Without hesitating Satch replied, "Joe DiMag . . ."

I inquired about the umpires and Satch had this to say:

"The umpiring is tops. You've got to get them over. You know one thing, though, I sent those umpires and club owners into a huddle with my hesitation pitch when I first got up there. They didn't know what to do with it. Manager Boudreau and Coach Bill McKechnie said there wasn't any rule against it. But the umpires and club owners went into a huddle, made a law to fit the crime and ruled it a balk."

In speaking of a club rule that a player must report at the park, rain or shine, Satch mused: "One hundred and fifty dollars woke me up that one."

One always tries to pry into another's financial setup and, to be no exception, I queried Satch as to the kind of contract he had asked for or had signed with the Indians . . . a straight salary or one with an attendance clause such as he always had with the Kansas City Monarchs. "Straight salary," said Satch, "but I asked for the other kind and Mr. Veeck is a square shooter. Knowing the crowds that fall out when I'm announced to pitch, he might tear up the one I signed and give me at least a better contract." I ventured further:

"Now, Satch, I'm not asking you to tell me how much you're getting this season, but one thing I want to know . . . does your contract call for more money than you drew down the best season with the Monarchs?"

I quoted his high while with the Monarchs and he exclaimed, "Oh yeah."

From what he said I drew this conclusion: Satch Paige was the highest paid sepia baseball player before the advent of Negroes into the major leagues and, from present indications, he is probably, beyond a doubt, the highest paid baseball. There is no doubt that he has become baseball's number one drawing attraction.

Baseball began an upswing during the 1941 season and during the next seven years, Satch has earned close to $100,000.

Satch told me that players on all the American League clubs are swell and only one, a Washington player (name withheld) ever got out of line. That day the chief umpire saw to it that the player was fined $50.

All players of the Cleveland Indians Club stop at the same hotel in every city except St. Louis.

Satch's parting shot was this:

"I think that Beardon and one or two others of the boys will be down to Hot Springs for a course of baths. Believe me, I surely got a kick out of being on the winning side of three of the four barnstorming games I pitched against Beardon last fall."

Satchel Paige Sparkles In Relief For Cleveland

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NNPA)—The question of whether Satchell Paige would be able to carry on this season as a major league pitcher was answered here last Wednesday night and in Philadelphia, Sunday, May 22.

The showing of Paige in his relief stints must be pleasing to the Cleveland Indians' front office as the regular starting pitchers are faltering and only the work of relief hurlers kept the road trip which the Indians concluded here last Thursday night from being worst.

The relief pitching of Paige against the Washington Nationals here last Wednesday night was one of the few bright spots in the game for the Indians, which they lost, 6 to 2.

GIVES NO HITS

Paige took over in the last half of the seventh after Eary Wynn had struck out for Frank Papish. In the two innings he pitched, he gave up no hits, struck out one batter and walked one man.

Even though Paige was charged with the lost of one game of the double header which the Cleveland Indians dropped to the Philadelphia Athletics, 5 to 4, and 7 to 2 Satchell proved that he is not yet washed up.

He appeared faster against the Athletics than he has been all season. He allowed only one run and five hits in a six-innng relief role. He did not issue a walk and struck out one batter.

Paige relieved Gener Bearden in the second inning of the first game after the Athletics had pounded Bearden for two rounds to tie the score at 2-all in the latter half of the first inning and scored two more in the second on four passes and an error.

With Paige sparkling in a relief role, the Indians led the score in the seventh, which made it Satchell's game to win or lose. The

ATHLETICS SCORE

in the seventh. Valo beat out a bunt and when Joe Gordon threw wild past first Valo went to second. Fain sacrificed. Paige tightened up and got Chapman to pop to Gordon and Majeski to ground to Boudreau who threw him out.

The Athletics got their lone run off Paige in the eighth when pinch hitter Wally Moses singled and Suder doubled down the left field line, scoring Moses. Taft Wright batted for Guerra and struck out. Paige's glove to Gordon who threw him out.

Doby got his fourth home run of the season in the seventh inning of the nightcap, scoring Gordon ahead of him. Lou Brissie, a southpaw, was pitching. Doby hit the ball over the right field fence.

Suder's double.

RELIEVES BEARDEN

The bases loaded with only one man out when Bearden was taken out and Paige replaced him in the second inning. Satchell made Sam Chapman, the first batter to face him, pop out to Mickey Vernon at first and Hank Majeski fly out to Larry Doby in right field to end the inning.

Feeding the A's fast balls, in the third Paige got Don White to pop to Lou Boudreau, and Suder and Mike Guerra to fly to Tucker in centerfield.

In the fourth inning, Paige forced Alex Kellner, the Athletics pitcher to hit a grounder to Boudreau who threw him out at first, and Eddie Joost and Valo to fly to Doby.

Ferris Fain got the first hit off Paige in the fifth when he bounced a single over third base, but Chapman flied to Doby, Majeskie lined to Tucker, and White flyed to

Jim Pendleton

School Days Beginning Again for St. Paul's Jim Pendleton

The Sun, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sch 5-28-49

Jim Pendleton, St. Paul's speedster, took special lessons in the art of playing shortstop at Brooklyn's Vero Beach camp this spring. Now he's back in school again, this time under the guiding eye of Manager Walter Alston of the Saints and two veteran fly chasers, Eric Tipton and Earl Naylor, both former major leaguers.

Pendleton has had trouble adapting himself to the outfield. He can travel far and wide to his left or right for long drives, but balls hit behind and in front of him have given him trouble.

Alston feels that few balls will get past Pendleton, who stole two more bases in the last week to bring his total to fourteen for the season to lead the American Association. It's Pendleton's charge to get a ball straight at him that's troubled the young Negro outfielder.

AVERAGE FALLS OFF

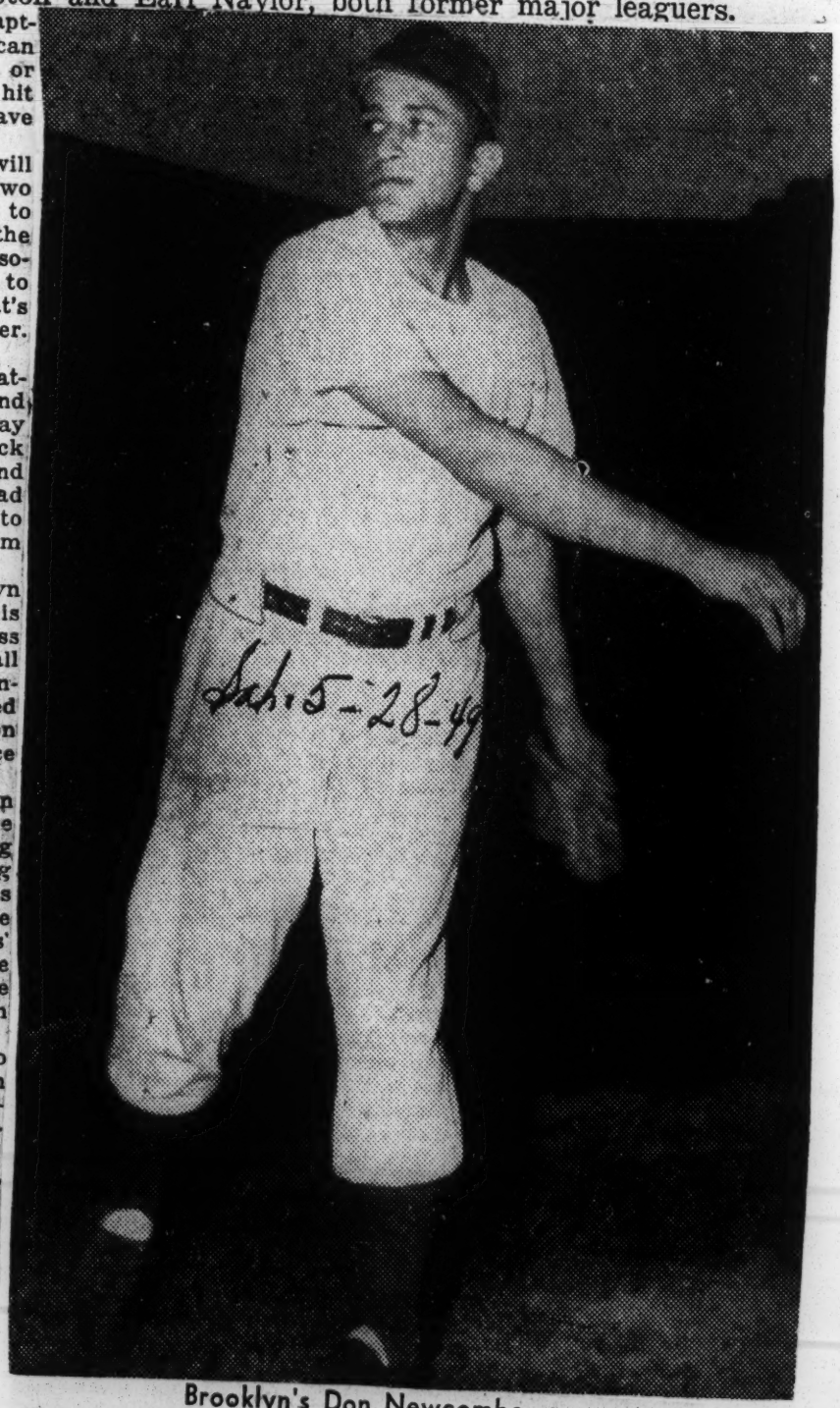
His fielding troubles have naturally upset him at the plate and Alston wisely gave him a two-day rest in Milwaukee. But he's back in the line-up playing center and leftfield and Alston is only too glad to overlook his fielding miscues to gain his great speed, throwing arm and competitive spirit.

Pendleton fits in the Brooklyn baseball pattern because of his speed. Branch Rickey, the boss of the Dodgers' far-flung baseball empire, demands speed and Pendleton has that. He'll be watched and tutored carefully by Alston who will give him every chance to make good.

Pendleton leads the Saints in scoring with 24 tallies. Each game finds it more difficult for opposing pitchers to fool him on sweeping curve balls as he pulls up on his swing. Despite his batting average and the fact he is now the Saints' lead-off hitter, Jim is third in the RBI column. He has the same number of runs-batted-in as stolen bases with 14.

Alston shifts the speedster to leftfield when he uses the veteran Naylor in the line-up. When Naylor is on the bench, however, Pendleton moves over to center.

The Saints, headed by Pendleton, will be swift on the base lines with a recent swap with Indianapolis and Montreal adding more swiftness to the club.



Brooklyn's Don Newcombe
Pitches masterful five-hit shut-out for the Dodgers

New First Baseman for the Cleveland Indians

Robert (Bob) Richardson, who was signed Saturday to play with the Cleveland Indians, gets a glass of milk, his favorite drink, from his mother, Mrs. William Richardson. They live at 10 Glenridge Ave., Montclair, N.J. At right, he gets in the diamond mood. Bob is 18 years old, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, and weighing 170 pounds. He plays first base, and throws and bats left-handed. He played three years on Montclair High varsity and was on the all-State baseball team in 1947 and 1948, when he was graduated. He leaves Mar. 20 for spring training in Marianna, Fla.—Raney photos. Sat. 3-19-49

This Morning

The Post, Washington, D. C.

With Shirley Povich

(Brooklyn Dodgers add eleventh Negro player to their organization by signing Shortstop James Pendleton of the Chicago Giants.—News item.)

Fri. 2-25-49

BRANCH RICKEY, who braved the wrath of prejudiced club owners in organized ball by bringing Jackie Robinson up to the Dodgers, now must be recognized as the great emancipator of the colored ball players.

In the three years since Rickey's initial act to bring Negroes into organized ball, no fewer than 20 colored players have been signed by big league clubs or their farm teams. The Indians, Yankees, Giants, Browns and Braves have joined the Dodgers in giving the colored players a break.

POVICH

Rickey is still the most avid seeker of Negro talent, and that is natural enough because of the success of Robinson who was the best player on the Brooklyn club last season. But the new estate of the colored player is indicated by the fact that the Yankees and Indians are now battling in Commissioner Chandler's office for the disputed rights to Artie Wilson, of a Birmingham Negro team.

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THE EFFECTS of Rickey's daring in inducting Robinson into organized ball were two-pronged. They broke down the racial barriers in the national game and raised the Negroes' own leage to new importance in baseball.

Little heed was paid to the Negro leagues heretofore except by Negro fans. Others weren't much interested because there was no chance that they'd ever see the colored stars in the majors And in the colored leagues there was little incentive to make good—they were never going to get a shot at the majors.

To enlist the interest of white fans, the colored teams took to clowning. Until recent years, their baseball was highly tinctured with show business. Satchel Page was half clown, half pitcher, and was rated on that basis. There was little with which to gauge the baseball abilities of the colored players, except in occasional games with All-Star barnstorming teams of big leagues. The Post. Washington D.C.

IT'S DIFFERENT NOW, though. In the case of Artie Wilson, right handed hitting shortstop who Bill Veeck stole from under the noses of the Yankees, Veeck's scouts were attracted by his hitting average which topped the Negro American League. Negro baseball was becoming recognized as pretty good baseball and a guy who could hit that much might fit in nicely with a big league club.

In the case of Rickey's latest acquisition, the fact that Pendleton hit .340 in the Negro American League was also significant. With the barriers down, and a place in organized ball awaiting the players who could make good, colored ball was better ball; its players had a chance to go somewhere, and the caliber improved. A .340 batting average was meaningful.

Everybody knew Satchel Paige was a great pitcher, Joe DiMaggio described him as "the best pitcher I ever faced," several years ago. But until Robinson made good so spectacularly and Larry Doby came along to hit .300 in the majors, the club owners were always

Branch Rickey

dubious of the caliber of the colored performers.

ONLY THREE of the colored boys have made good in the majors thus far—Robinson, Doby and Paige—but that is a terrific percentage considering the fact that only seven were brought up before the 1948 season closed.

And Baseball Commissioner Chandler has put a new face on the colored leagues with his ukase that they are not to be raided ruthlessly for talent. Chandler has warned all clubs that they must deal for the colored stars through regular channels, buying their contracts from the Negro clubs, not snatching them without a mutually agreeable purchase price.

That's the paradox, though. When Rickey took Jackie Robinson away from the Kansas City Monarchs, it was without so much as an if-you-please. He didn't give the colored club a farthing for him. That wasn't nice, but in the light of the after-effects, the colored fans and players can hardly find it in their hearts to fault Mr. Rickey on any count.

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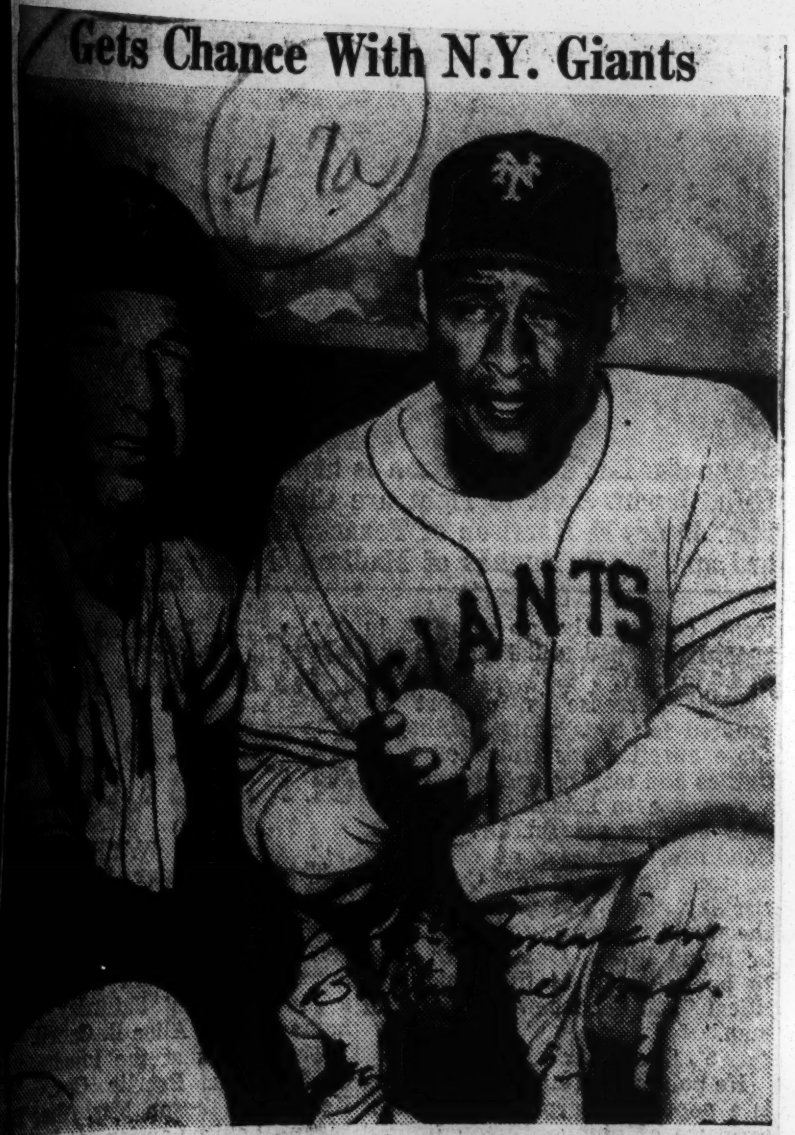
John Ford Smith

Gets Chance With N.Y. Giants



John Ford Smith, former Kansas City Monarchs pitcher, poses with Manager Leo Durocher of the New York Giants after donning a Giant uniform for practice at the Giants' Phoenix, Ariz., camp. Smith, first colored player to be signed by the Giants, is expected to be farmed to the club's Jersey City team in the International League. Last year, he had a 13-5 record with the Monarchs. Sat. 3-19-49

Hank Thompson

Rookie Seems Headed For Certain Stardom

Examiner Dat 7-23-49

NEW YORK—Out of the gloom that surrounded the Giants this week in the wake of a disastrous week-end emerged a bright young star to beckon them on to new and better things in another, brighter year. That, of course, is young Hank Thompson, who stands out today as the finest young ball-player to come to the Giants since the advent of Whitey Lockman and Bobby Thompson, the brilliant young outfielders.

The real stamp of approval was placed on Thompson by Leo Durocher himself this week when he said: "There are only two better second basemen in the league right now and they are Jackie Robinson and Red Schoendienst of the Cards. What's more, I'm not sure that Thompson isn't just as good as Schoendienst. If he's not now, he surely will be."

That was high praise for a young man who came into the league less than two weeks ago and who made his first appearance as a Giant against the Dodgers just a week ago last Friday. But there's no doubt he merits every word of it. He's been little short of sensational both afield and at the plate, and he has all of those natural instincts that mark the indefinable something known as class.

ON HIS WAY

There's little doubt now that he's on his way to real greatness.

Thompson has come fast. He's shaken off the jitters in remarkably rapid fashion. He was understandably nervous when he joined the Giants. You could sense that the first night in the Giant clubhouse when he was being interviewed by one of the Giant writers.

He talked affably enough, but he punctuated every word with the thud of a ball in his glove. He never stopped pounding the ball in his glove all the time he was talking. But he's a lot different now. Last week he was an affable, poised youngster as he dressed in front of his locker in the Giant clubhouse. He frankly admitted his early nervousness.

"A week can make a whole lot of difference," he grinned. "I sure feel different now than I did that first night in Brooklyn. That was tough. The pressure was on and I knew it. But now I feel great; loose and easy. I notice especially up there at the plate. The big thing though, is that I feel at home. I can play my own natural baseball and I'm not pressing.

"Everything's great except the way the club is going."

GIANTS STUMBLE

It's not Thompson's fault that the Giants stumbled and fell on their faces over the week-end just when they seemed about ready to make a drive up the standings. It was the old Giants who bogged down and the pitchers, with the exception of Kirby Higbe, collapsed en masse and gave up 39 hits and 26 runs in three games.

Thompson was a standout afield and his hitting over the week-end was something to see. He was really putting wood to the ball. He started the Giants on their way to their lone triumph since the All-Star interlude with a lusty triple to left center. He hit a tremendous three-run homer that cleared the right field roof and put the Giants back in a ball game that seemed irretrievably lost, and which eventually was lost, 7-6, in the twelfth inning of the finale with the Pirates. He smacked a double and a single against the Cards Sunday.

In all, he's gathered six hits in eighteen trips over the four-game period, since the All-Star interlude, for a .333 average for the span. His over-all average jumped over 100 points during the week. But figures aren't important at this stage, it's the way he hits the ball that impresses most.

MEETING THE BALL

"Did you see the wood he put to the one he hit to Chuck Diering in deepest center for the final out of the game?" Durocher bubbled after the Card game Sunday. "Diering caught that one only a few strides from the clubhouse steps. That would have been a home run into the centerfield bleachers in Brooklyn. I haven't seen one hit that far all year."

Thompson's striking success has prompted Leo to give Monte Irvin his first starting chance. Irvin was to replace the veteran, Willard Marshall, against the left-handed Alpha Brazle in the Card finale Monday. We will play regularly against left-handers unless he bogs down. But if he should catch the cue from Hank, he certainly won't. Hank has blazed a wide and blazing trail.

Roy Wellmaker

Wellmaker, Negro Left-Hander, Retires Giants in Last Frame

New York Tribune New York, N.Y.

Rookie Pitcher Walks Into Cleveland Camp Unannounced and Asks for Tryout With Champions

Tues. 3-15-49

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By Al Laney

TUCSON, Ariz., March 14.—The Giants and Indians played it mostly with rookies and non-regulars today and had an exciting game of it, which the Indians won 7 to 6, only in the last half of the eleventh inning after the Giants had tied it at 4-all in the eighth and gone ahead, 6 to 4, in the seventh.

The Indians won it because they came up with the best of the rookie pitchers, a Negro left-hander named Roy Wellmaker, who walked into camp unannounced and asked for a tryout. He pitched to the Giants in the eleventh and got them out in order. The last two Giant rookie pitchers, Kenneth Van Gilder and Mario Picone, walked eight men in the tenth and eleventh, Picone forcing in the tying run and yielding the winning one on Bob Kennedy's single with the bases loaded.

Kennedy had previously hit a home run off Dave Koslo in the first inning, and Fred Marsh, a rookie shortstop, had done the same in the second. For the Giants Jack Lohrke and Gail Henley hit homers successively in the fifth off Steve Gromek, the starting Cleveland pitcher. These were the first circuit blows of the spring for New York.

Poat's Arm Slightly Sore

In spite of the messy work at the end, the Giants' rookie pitching staff had a good look about it. Sam Webb and Oswald Kolwe pitched six scoreless innings together, giving only a single each and issuing no walks. This came after Koslo, who was not too good, had pitched the first three and gone from the game with the Giants trailing, 3 to 1. Ray Poat pitched one inning perfectly and then retired with a slightly sore arm.

Gromek and Frank Papish pitched five innings each for Cleveland. The Giants got two runs on the homers off Gromek and four on four hits and two errors by Papish. Altogether the New Yorkers made thirteen hits to the Indians seven and would likely have won the game had some more experience pitcher been in there at the end.

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When the game began the only regulars on the field were Whitey Lockman in left for the Giants and Joe Gordon at second base for

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B. Wilson 2b	2	0	0	1	2	Henley cf	6	1	1	3	0
¶Peck	0	0	0	0	0	Milne rf	6	0	1	2	0
Rosen 3b	3	1	1	3	1	Harshman 1b	6	1	1	13	0
Reich 1b	4	0	1	13	1	Yvars c	3	2	2	3	1
Nelsen lf	4	0	0	4	0	Wsrteum c	0	0	0	2	2
‖A. Wilson	1	0	0	0	0	Jennings ss	4	1	1	3	4
Clark lf	0	0	0	0	0	Koslo p	1	0	0	0	1
Stockh'sen c	3	0	0	6	0	*Mize	1	0	0	0	0
*Berardino	0	1	0	0	0	Poat p	0	0	0	0	0
Gromek p	2	0	0	0	0	Webb p	1	0	0	0	1
Padish p	1	0	0	1	1	†S. Gordon	1	0	1	0	0
§Doby	0	1	0	0	0	Kolwe p	0	0	0	0	0
Wellmaker p	1	0	0	0	0	‡Thomson	0	0	0	0	0
						Van Gilder p	0	0	0	0	0
						Picone p	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	7	7	33	12	Totals	47	6	13	h-31	18

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Indians ..... 301 000 000 21—7

*Batted for Koslo in fourth, grounded out.
†Batted for Webb in ninth, singled.
‡Batted for Kolwe in tenth, walked.
§Batted for Papish in tenth, walked.
¶Batted for B. Wilson in tenth, walked.
‖Batted for Nelsen in tenth, grounded out.
*Ran for Stockhausen in eleventh.

Runs batted in—Kennedy 3, Reich 3, Marsh, Lohrke, Henley, S. Gordon 2, Meuller 2. Two-base hits—Hofman, Reich, Yvars, Rosen, Jennings. Home runs—Kennedy, Marsh, Lohrke, Henley. Double plays—Jennings to Hofman to Harshman, Yvars to Jennings, Marsh to B. Wilson to Reich. Left on bases—Indians, 10; Giants, 12. Base on balls—Off Koslo 3, Gromek 1, Poat 1, Papish 3, Kolwe 1, Van Gilder 4, Picone 4. Struck out—By Koslo 2, Gromek 1, Papish 4, Van Gilder 1, Wellmaker 1, Picone 1. Hits—Off Koslo, 3 in 3 innings; Gromek, 9 in 5; Poat, 1 in 1; Webb, 0 in 2; Papish, 4 in 5; Kolwe, 1 in 2; Van Gilder, 1 in ⅔; Picone, 1 in ⅓; Wellmaker, 0 in 1. Winning pitcher—Wellmaker. Losing pitcher—Picone. Umpires—Berry, Warneke. Time—2:56.

3-15-49

Paige Reports Today

Satchel Paige will report to the Indians tomorrow. Since he says he needs only a shave to be ready, he was given permission to come in two weeks late.

All the Giants' nine hits off Gromek except one, came after two were out. Both Lohrke and Henley had opportunities to drive in runs earlier but got good balls to hit only when the bases were empty.

The rookies were given their chance today as a preliminary to finding places for them in the Giant farm system. It is now considered likely, however, that Hofman and Henley, and maybe Milne may be retained for some time possibly until the deadline for cutting down on May 15.

Exhibition Baseball Today

By The Associated Press

At Pasadena, Calif.—Pittsburgh (N) vs. Chicago (A).
At Phoenix, Ariz.—Cleveland (A) vs. New York (N).
At Clearwater, Fla.—Detroit (A) vs Philadelphia (N).
At St. Petersburg, Fla.—New York (A) vs St. Louis (N).
At West Palm Beach, Fla.—Brooklyn (N) vs Philadelphia (A).
At Los Angeles, Calif.—St. Louis (A) vs Chicago (N).
At Tampa, Fla.—Boston (N) vs Cincinnati (N).

Giants' Line-Up

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	ab	r	h	po	a
Tucker cf	4	0	0	3	0
Marsh ss	5	1	2	0	4
Kennedy rf	4	2	3	2	0
Avila 2b	0	0	0	0	1

GIANTS (N. L.)	ab	r	h	po	a
Hofman 2b	6	0	2	4	5
Lockman lf	2	0	1	0	0
Mueller lf	4	0	1	1	0

Art Wilson Joins San Diego Padres

Cleveland Also Sends Santiago to Dayton

TUCSON, Ariz.—Two pitchers, Jose Santiago, righthander, and Roy Welmaker, southpaw, Friday, were sent to the minor leagues on option by the Cleveland Indians.

Santiago, former New York Cuban hurler, was returned to Dayton of the Central League, where he pitched briefly last season after the Indians purchased his contract from Alex Pompez, owner of the Cubans.

Welmaker, former Washington-Homestead Grays ace, who walked into the Tribe's camp early in the training season and asked for a tryout, was shipped to Wilkes-Barre of the Eastern League, another Cleveland farm club. Welmaker, who hurled in South America for the last three seasons, showed well in several exhibition games.

Wilson on Coast

The release of Santiago and Welmaker followed the option of Art Wilson, former Birmingham Black Barons shortstop, to the San Diego Padres of the Pacific Coast League last week.

At San Diego, Wilson joins Luke Easter, hard-hitting outfielder, who was purchased from the Homestead Grays during the winter, and John Ritchey, ex-Chicago American Giant catcher, who played wtih the Padres last season.

Orestes Minoso, Cuban infielder, is still with the Indians and as late as Saturday appeared to have a good chance of staying with the parent club for the 1949 season.

Doby Clouting Ball

Meanwhile, Larry Doby and Satchel Paige. Tribe regulars, were showing to advantage in the exhibition tour. Paige was guilty of a balk in Saturday's game with the Pittsburgh Pirates, which the Indians lost, 5-3, in 11 innings, but has shown good control and plenty of speed throughout the campaign.

Doby, the Cleveland centerfielder, got two doubles in three official times at bat as the Indians defeated the Chicago White Sox last Wednesday, one of the hits landed in the leftfield corner and the other in the rightfield corner.

In addition to the two hits, Doby scored two runs and batted in another one. Minoso, one of the best prospects to come into the major leagues this spring from the colored leagues, was charged with an error in the sixth inning when Gene Markland, White Sox third baseman, beat out a roller and Minoso threw wild to first, allowing the runner to take second.

Hits Long Homer

Doby hit one of the longest home runs of the spring training season during one of the shortest games of his brief maj' league career here Thursday.

In the fourth inning of a five-inning encounter between the Indians and the White Sox, Doby sent a long towering circuit clout over the left field fence although the Tribe was scalped 10 to 2. The game was called in the fifth because of high wind and cold weather. The sophomore outfielder was credited with one for two and one putout.

Wilson, Minoso and Doby were among 14 Cleveland players who have batted better than .300 during spring training. Before his departure for San Diego, Wilson had a batting average of .417, Minoso, .417, and Doby, .300. The only Indian sporting a higher average than Wilson and Minoso was Early Wynn, the pitcher, who had an average of .571.

Negro Infielder Sold by Yanks

NEW YORK —(U.P.)— The New York Yankees announced that they have sold Negro infielder Artie Wilson outright to the Oakland Acorns of the Pacific Coast League.

Wilson was the subject of a recent dispute between the Yankees and the Cleveland Indians. General Manager George Weiss of the Yanks claimed that the Indians had signed Wilson after the Yanks had reached an oral agreement with him.

Yanks Sell Art Wilson to Oaks

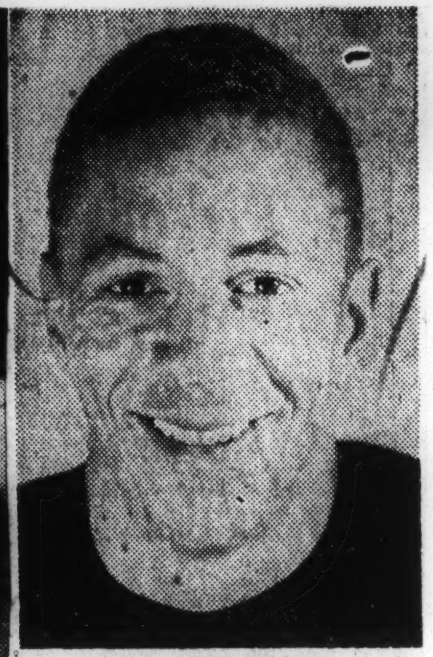
The Yankees yesterday announced that they had sold Artie Wilson, Negro infielder, to the Oakland team of the Pacific Coast League in an outright deal. Wilson, the subject of dispute between Cleveland and New York earlier this year, was awarded to the Yanks by Commissioner Chandler, who also said the Yanks must give up outfielder Luis Marquez to Cleveland.

Wilson, an infielder, had been playing with San Diego, a Cleveland farm. Off his play to date he has looked like a good journeyman top minor league infielder, not apt to go further. He will become the first Negro player on any Coast team except for San Diego, on which team are Luke Easter, Johnny Ritchey and Orestes Minoso.

The Peoples World, progressive West Coast paper, has actively campaigned to break the Oakland team's color line.

Associated Press Wirephoto

VERSATILE DODGERS—Gil Hodges of Brooklyn demonstrates to three of his teammates how he scoops up baseballs. Hodges will be joined by, left to right, Don Newcombe, Rex Barney and Ralph Branca in an exhibition basketball game against the Long Island Bombers Monday. The team's fifth member, Eddie Miksis, was not present when the picture was made.



DON BARKSDALE

Barksdale Starts Off Fast

All-American basketball star Don Barksdale got off to a flying start for the season by scoring 17 field goals and five charity tosses to lead the Oakland Blue 'n' Gold Nuggets to a 101-51 win over Southern Oregon College of Education. Don's teammate, Dave Minor, tallied 18 points.

FIRST BASEMAN'S MITT—Two mitts, in fact. Gil Hodges, Brooklyn Dodgers' first sacker, demonstrates to teammates the grip that helps him scoop 'em up during the diamond season. The Dodgers pictured here are members of an independent pro team. With Hodges (left to right) are Don Newcombe, Rex Barney and Ralph Branca, all hurlers. Infielder Eddie Miksis rounds out their quint.

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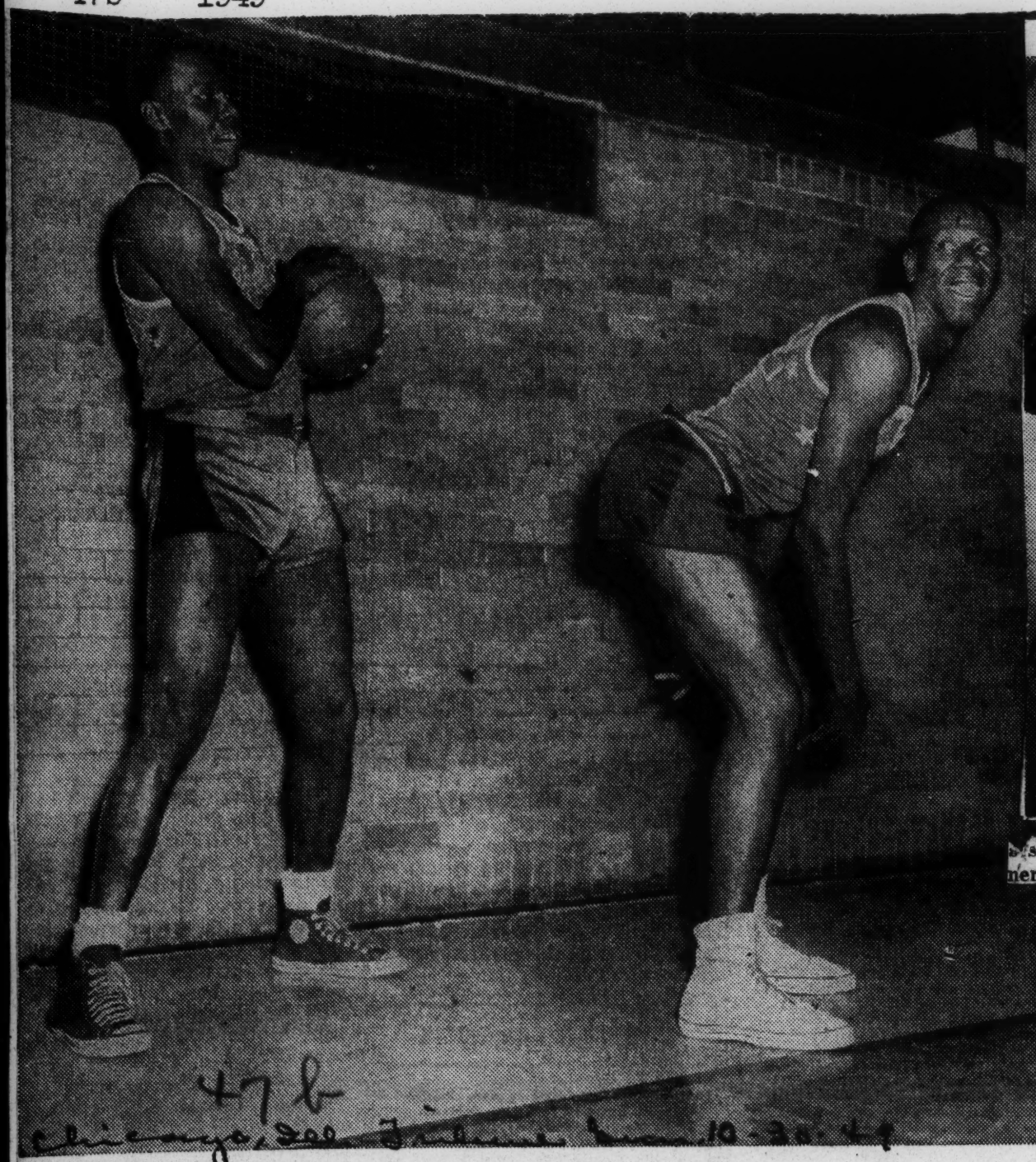

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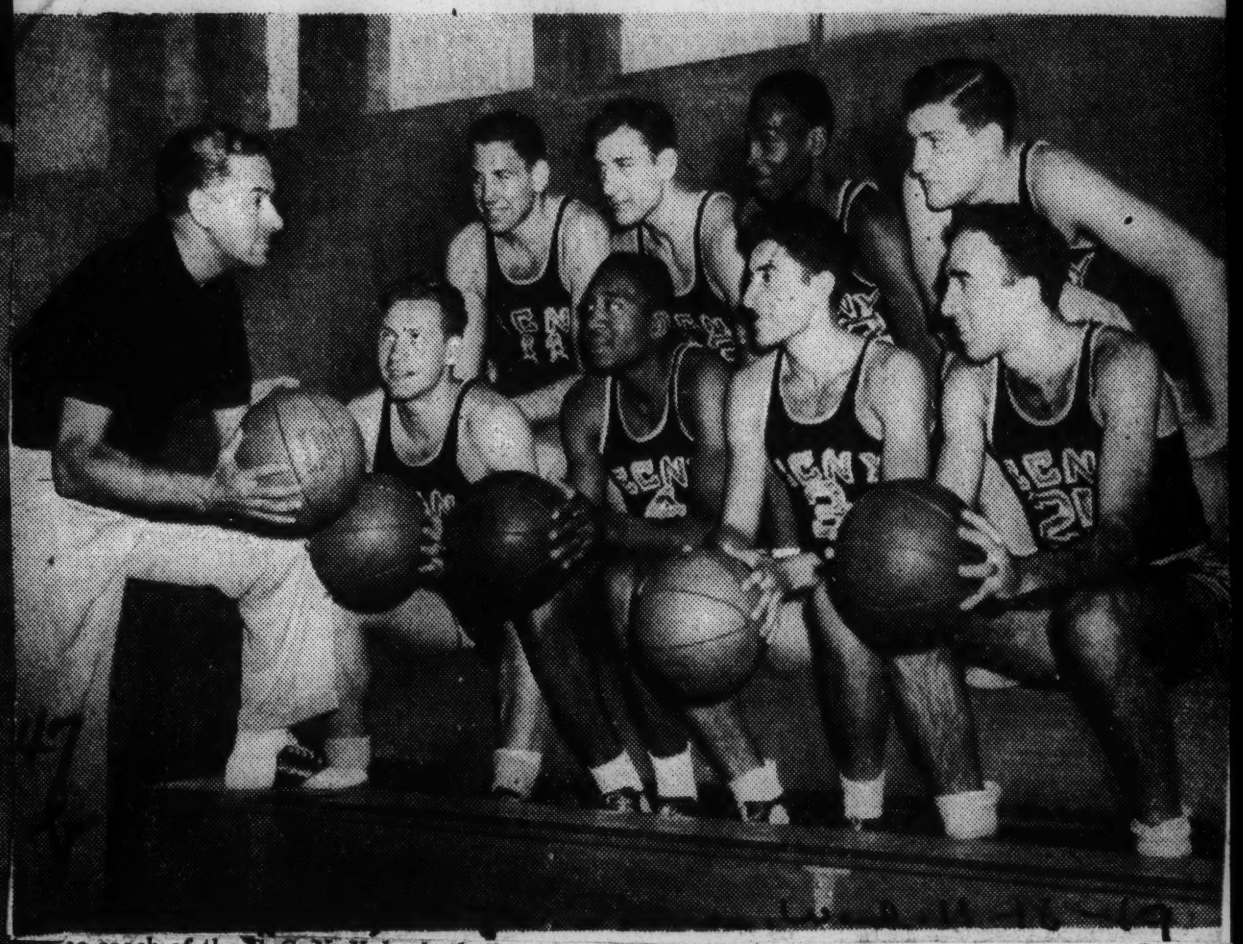
Babe Pressley (left) and Goose Tatum practice one of their fancy passes they'll use when the Harlem Globetrotters open their basketball campaign. The Globetrotters are working out in Chicago and testing new talent before taking the road. [TRIBUNE Photo]

NAT HOLMAN GIVES SOME POINTERS TO HIS SOPHOMORES



...e coach of the C. C. N. Y. basketball team talking to his men on the varsity team before a practice ...ion in the gymnasium. The players in the front row, from left to right, are Licky Meyers, Ed War... ner, Arnie Smith and Herb Cohen. In the back row are Ed Roman, Ed Chewetz, Floyd Lane and Al Roth.

Trotters End Basket Road Trip Tonight

Gary, W. Va., Dec. 18 [Special]—The busy Harlem Globe Trotters will pause here tomorrow night in quest of another basketball victory.

The Negro basketball team will depart immediately after the game for Chicago, where they will meet the New York Celtics Tuesday night in the Stadium in part of a double header. The Chicago Stags will play the New York Knickerbockers in the other contest.

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Abe Saperstein of Chicago, director of the team, said the Globe Trotters have signed to make their first appearance in New York's Madison Square Garden Jan. 1.

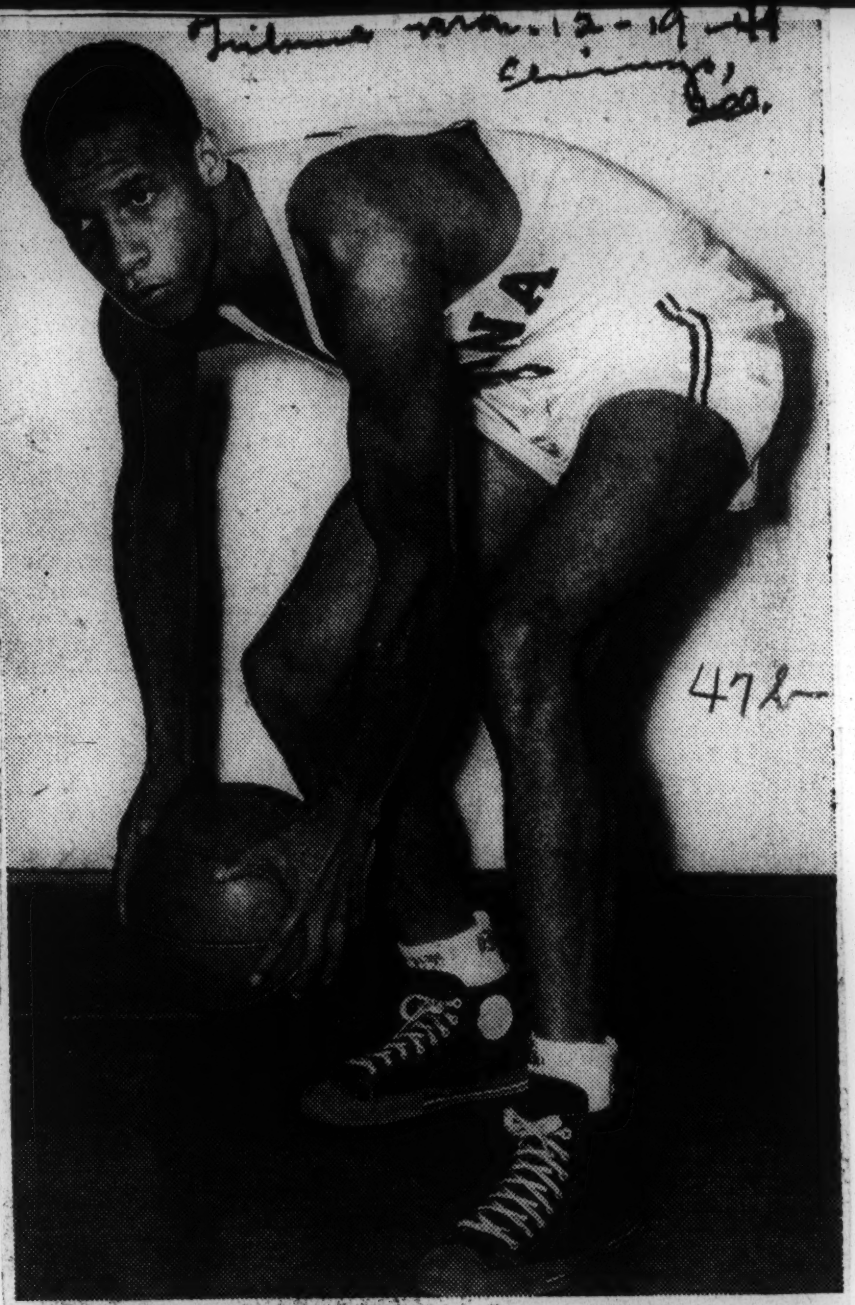
Chicago

The Trotters, in operation for 23 seasons, are seeking to better their brilliant record of 1934, when they won 152 out of 152 games. The team's scoring stars include Johnny Wilson, center, and Bobby Milton, forward, former Indiana high school basketball stars.

Wilson, with 85 points, and Milton with 81, set new scoring records in the 1946 Indiana state prep finals. The previous mark of 71 was established by Johnny Wooden. Other outstanding performers on the squad are Nat Clifton, Goose Tatum and Marques Haynes.

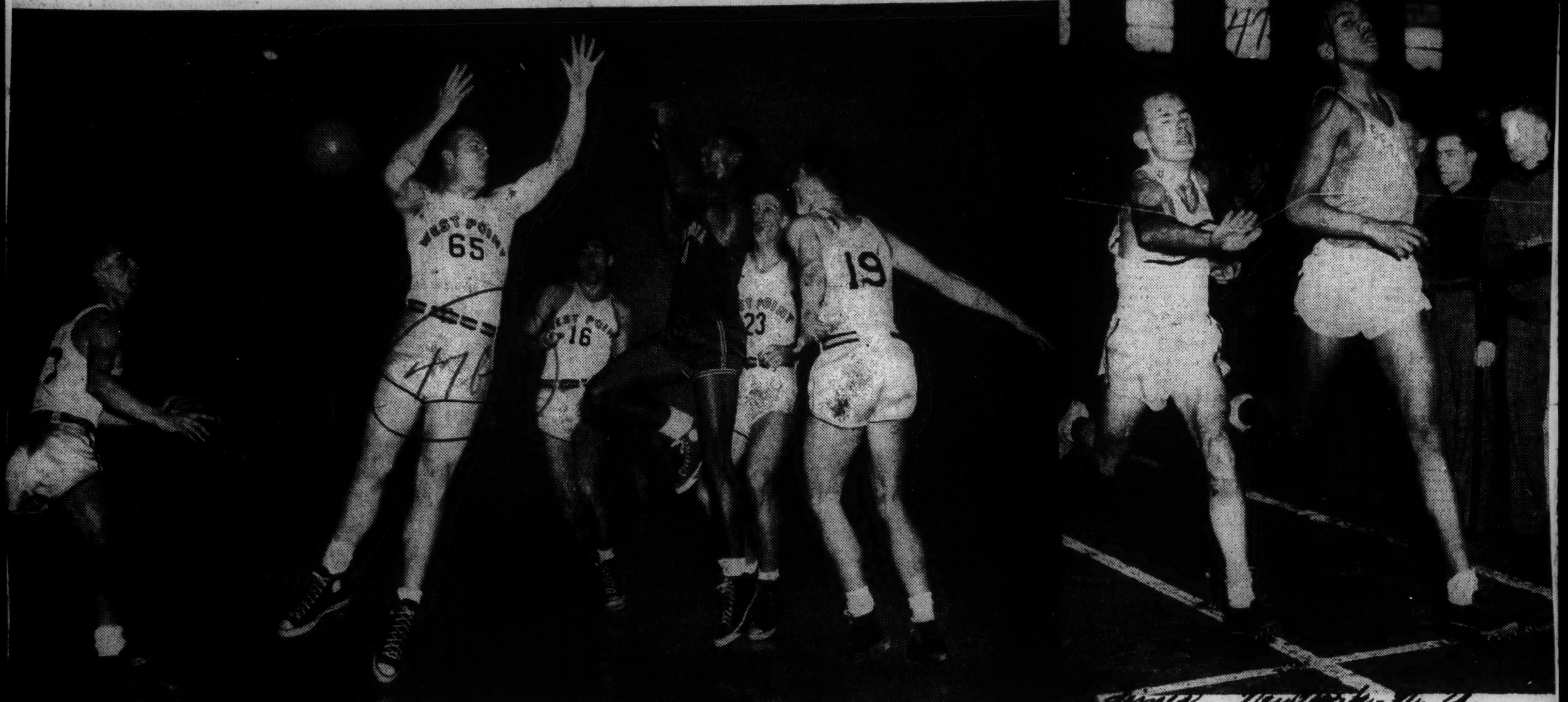
[TRIBUNE Photo]

Here's Harlem Globetrotter quintet that will face Philadelphia Hebrews tonight in Stadium. Demonstrating court finesse are (from left) Chico Burrell, Babe Pressley, Ermer Robinson, Don Moore, and Goose Tatum. Stags, Baltimore meet in second game.



One of Hoosiers' most consistant scorers thru first four games was Bill Garrett, veteran center. He'll key attack against Oregon State, victor over Wisconsin in early season game.

On the Basketball Court and Track at West Point Yesterday



Barnes (65) of the Cadets blocking a shot by Skinner of Columbia quintet in the opening half

Wilson (right) of Seton Hall beating Wilson of Army in mile run

The New York Times (by Ernest Sisto

SCARLET PACEMAKER:

Record Shows Rutgers Depends on Tan Star

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — As Bucky Hatchett goes, so goes Rutgers. That's the way the statistics read as the Scarlet nears the halfway mark of the 1948-49 season.

Hatchett, piston-legged Rutgers forward, has been pacing the scoring attack with an average of 14 points a game, but the fact that he has "off-nights" is underscored in the record book, which shows six wins and five losses for the Scarlet.

Only two victories have fallen to Rutgers in its last six starts—decisive wins over Western Reserve and Williams. Hatchett poured in 21 points against Reserve and chalked up 28 markers against Williams.

During the four losses—to Duquesne, West Virginia, undefeated Villonova and Rhode Island—the Verona, N.J. athlete managed an average of only eight points a game, including 15 scored against the Dukes.

The win-loss pendulum has been swinging with perfect regularity for Rutgers for the past five games, which gives Scarlet fans reason to believe the fate of Rutgers lies in whether or not Hatchett is hot under the boards.

Negro Team Is Eyed For Invitational Bid

New York, Feb. 14 (UP)—Asa Bushnell, chairman of the selection committee for the National Invitational Basketball Tournament, said today that West Virginia State, a Negro team, is being considered for a tourney bid.

Bushnell said that although the list of prospects was a long one and that Peelers would not go out to the teams for two weeks, West Virginia State's impressive 16-1 record for the season merited considerable for the N.I.T.

West Virginia State, colored conference champion, has won 33 out of its last 34 games over two seasons. The Negro quintet won its last eight games last season.

COLUMBIA QUINTET TOPS ARMY BY 69-61 AS SKINNER STARS

Lions' Ace Scores 21 Points and Victors Take 16-15 Lead in Long Series

CADETS SCORE ON TRACK

Turn Back Seton Hall, 90-28, and Also Win at Swimming, Fencing and Shooting

By LINCOLN A. WERDEN

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Feb. 5—Within the confines of Army's fieldhouse, where two major athletic events were staged simultaneously today, Columbia's basketball team rallied in the second half to beat the Gray, 69 to 61, while the Cadet track men were capturing a dual meet from Seton Hall, 90 to 28.

Most of the 3,000 spectators gave their attention to the court, where the Lions, in their first game since mid-January, finally coordinated their play, recouped their range and, with Norm Skinner bagging eighteen of his twenty-one points in the second session, went on to their sixth triumph of the season.

As the oldest basketball foe on Army's schedule, the Morningside team thus broke the tie of fifteen victories apiece in the series which dates back to 1904.

Scoring Race Is Close

While Skinner's 21 was high for the game, Dick Mosny of Army gave him a race for individual honors and finished with 20. However, Mosny as well as Frank Barnes did most of their scoring in the opening chapter and their long set shots, which dropped with regularity, proved the big weapon in Army's offense.

At half time, the cadets led by 36 to 29 and in the first two minutes of the second half they had a ten-point spread at 40—30.

Coach Gordon ridings put Frank Lewis, six foot five, into the Columbia line-up to start the second half and the added height helped the Lions. With Lewis, Skinner and Sherry Marshall clicking on passes and gaining control of the backboard, Columbia slowly clipped Army's advantage and finally moved in front at 44—43 on Skinner's lay-up with twelve minutes left. New York, N.Y.

Meanwhile Columbia, definitely "off" in the early stages, began to pull away and rolled up a fourteen-point advantage at 62—48, while Army went thirteen minutes without registering a field goal.

Dick Wagner finally broke the ice when he caged one to send his team's total to 50. Lewis, Marshall, Skinner, John Azary and Bob Sullivan kept the pace that Ridings wanted in the decisive last minutes. Azary with ten and Gunnar Olsen with eight led the Columbia point builders in the first half and Azary finished with 14 and Olsen 10.

Average Falls Off

Army's effectiveness from the outside was reduced as the game wore on and the statistics showed that eighty-seven shots from the floor were taken to produce the twenty-two field goals, Army getting 8 of 45 in the last half. Columbia registered on 27 of 82. 2-2-49

Seton Hall's track squad had a busy day, for after the meet here, some of the team drove to La Guardia Field for the 8:15 plane which was to take them to Boston and the B. A. A. meet there.

Army's one-mile relay, with Captain John Hammack as the anchor and with Jim Cain, Ed Mastaglio and Peter Farrell running in that order ahead of him, proved the winner over an alternate quartet that turned in the low-timed performance last week in the Millrose Games at the Garden. Sun.

Andy Stanfield, who was a member of that four, that afternoon won the broad jump and finished second in the low hurdles but Johnny Gibson didn't call on him today for the relay. Instead, Huby Gates, Ed Brogan, Frank Fox and Phil Thigpen had the assignment. Army had more than ten yards to spare at the finish in 3:23.3.

Stanfield, Gates, Thigpen and Fox were in the group leaving for Boston. The Times

Sets Field House Mark

There were several outstanding performances, however, with Fox setting a new Field House record as he won the 600 in a duel with Hammack. Fox was clocked in 1:12.3, which eclipsed Hammack's two-year-old mark of 1.13.1. The Army captain tried vainly to catch him in a final burst, finishing a step behind and being credited with the identical time. Doug Wainer of Army was third.

Thigpen won the mile as expected, slowing up on the final lap so that Gail Wilson of Army was a yard back at the tape. Thigpen's time was 4:27.3. Except for Basil McKenzie in the dash, he was the visitors' only other first-place winner. New York, N.Y.

On the Army side, Dick Lewandowski turned in a good 9:43.4 to annex the two-mile and George Sylvester accounted for a "double" as he raced home first in both the low and high hurdles. 2-6-49

Hail The New Champions

Daily World Atlanta, Ga.

Georgia is proud to acclaim the Purple Wolverines of Morris Brown College for their splendid achievement in winning the 1949 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference basketball championship, at Tuskegee Institute last Saturday Although we have become accustomed to championships with Morehouse College having won in 1937 and 1946, and Clark College in 1940, it is a greater tribute that at long last all three of our local colleges have annexed titles. Jue. 3-15-49

During the 16 years of the SIAC tournament always our teams have been in the heat and competition of championship play. We have watched them repeatedly cop either one of the four places in tournament play. At the same time high respect has been accorded the ability, accomplishment and performances of Clark, Morehouse and Morris Brown.

Yet, never in the history of the tournament has Morris Brown College been in the prized circle, although they have possessed all of the high accolades of the seven previous winners of the SIAC tournament.

This year Coaches Herbert B. Thompson and Linwood D. Graves of Morris Brown fashioned a formidable cage aggregation which won 14 conference games while losing 4. In non-conference games the Purple Wolverines won five out of five games for a 1000 percentage. Jue 3-15-49

It is noteworthy that the Purple Wolverines never complained in defeat nor were arrogant in victory. Although they faltered slightly in the home-stretch their confidence never wavered that they would inevitably triumph. Seeded No. 2 as the tournament opened last Thursday the Morris Brown team showed its mettle and stamina in winning over Lane, Morehouse and Tuskegee Institute.

We are proud of Morris Brown College as the '49 champions of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Coaches Herbert B. Thompson and Linwood D. Graves and the Morris Brown Athletic staff and family deserve a pat on the back.

Still most all of the players — John Clair, Putman Davis, George Murdock, Franklin Ayers, Theodore Benson, Kenneth Redd, G. B. Hannon, James Bair, Eugene Williams and Charles Parker—are deserving of their highest praise for actually having played the game with sportsmanship, excellence and enduring faith. Congratulations ! ! ! !

KANSAS CITY ALL-STAR basketball professional Boid Buie, shows St. X. Cub star Danny Bosler, 3617 Lexington Road, how to manipulate with only one hand. The lanky Negro is scheduled on the double-header net program tonight at the Armory.

First Negro to Play On College All Star Cage Game

Black Dispatch Oklahoma City

CHICAGO —(ANP)— Jumpin Johnny Wilson, legendary cage star of Anderson college in Anderson, Ind., was named last week to play on the college all-star basketball squad which plays the champion Lakers, Oct. 26. Oct 29 49

He thus became the first Negro named to the all-star squad in the 10th annual classis, promoted by the Chicago Herald-American. Several Negro cage teams, who won world's titles, have been featured in the big game. The collegians hold a nine to six edge over the pros.

Johnny, who played baseball with the Chicago Giants last summer, said, "This is the greatest thrill I've ever had in basketball."

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IKE WILLIAMS GETS NOD OVER DOBY AS N.J.'s TOP ATHLETE

Newark, N.J.-Lightweight champion Ike Williams nosed out Larry Doby as New Jersey's professional "Athletic of 1948" in the annual polling of the Newark Athletic club here last week.

Williams, a longtime resident of Trenton, will receive a plaque at the state's award banquet here tonight. Runner-up Doby, Patterson's pride and joy since he became a big wheel in the World Champion Cleveland Indians baseball club, will be in on the ceremonies.

Tribune
Sat. 2-5-49
Los Angeles, Calif.

Louis Fought Often, But—

Title Fights—If there is anybody who argues more than a fan at a baseball game it is a sailor at sea. . . . Anyway, **Clayton Fuller,** aboard **U.S.S. Cubera,** writes: "We have a fellow on our boat who is betting everything, including his shirt, that **Joe Louis** defended his heavyweight championship more than all other heavy champs put together." . . . The sailor is very nearly correct. . . . Louis defended his championship 25 times. . . . That is more times than all heavyweights since **Tommy Burns**. . . . But Burns' 11 defenses and others before him tip the scale against the sailor. . . . Since Burns' time, **Jack Johnson** defended the title nine times, **Jess Willard** twice, **Jack Dempsey** six times, **Gene Tunney** twice, **Max Schmeling** twice and **Jack Sharkey** once.

Earl Ruby

Mathematical Chance—Baseball fans in Jeffersonvill eare wondering if the **St. Louis Browns** still have a mathematical chance to win the American League pennant. . . . Each club plays 154 games. . . . Including games of Sunday, August 14, the Browns had played 110 games. This leaves 44 to be played. . . . They are 34½ games out of first. So there is a mathematical chance for them, however slim.

Benched—Louisville's former athlete, **Jerry Witte,** is still hammering at the Texas League home-run record of 55, though he was benched on August 10 for a rest. . . . He has hit 37, needs 18 to tie the mark, and has about 33 games to go. . . . Until given the rest, Witte had played every inning since the season opened.

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Chicago Sun-Journal Dy. 11-18-49

Johnny Bratton (left) and Gaby Ferland will meet again tonight—but without a heavy bag between. They're matched in feature bout of Stadium card. For Bratton it's first lap on comeback trail. Ferland, Canadian comer, is fit foe.

N. Y. Refuses To Recognize Bout For Title

NEW YORK—Gus Lesnevich tottering on the brink of fistic oblivion, may be shoved over to join the others, like John Henry Lewis, Billy Conn and Tommy Farr, who tried for the heavyweight title and failed.

After the bout, set for August 10, in Yankee Stadium, by the International Boxing Club, they can pick up what is left of Lesnevich and send him back to Cincinnati where Sam Becker has him signed for a fight with Joey Maxim, September 19.

FACES NBA BAN

The only hitches are that Lesnevich will then be suspended by the NBA and the Cincinnati Commission, and if he takes the kind of beating Charles is capable of giving, he won't be fit for two 15-rounds bouts within 30 days.

Charles, who is determined to make up what he lacks in the kind of glamour Joe Louis had through meeting any and all comers as fast as possible, is training seriously at Pompton Lakes, N. J., for Wednesday's show.

He has been boxing an average of six rounds daily with Gene Jones, Hubert Hood, Lloyd Gibson and Al Smith. Smith, who imitated the Walcott style for him prior to that battle, is now mimicking Lesnevich in the ring.

NEVER FELT BETTER

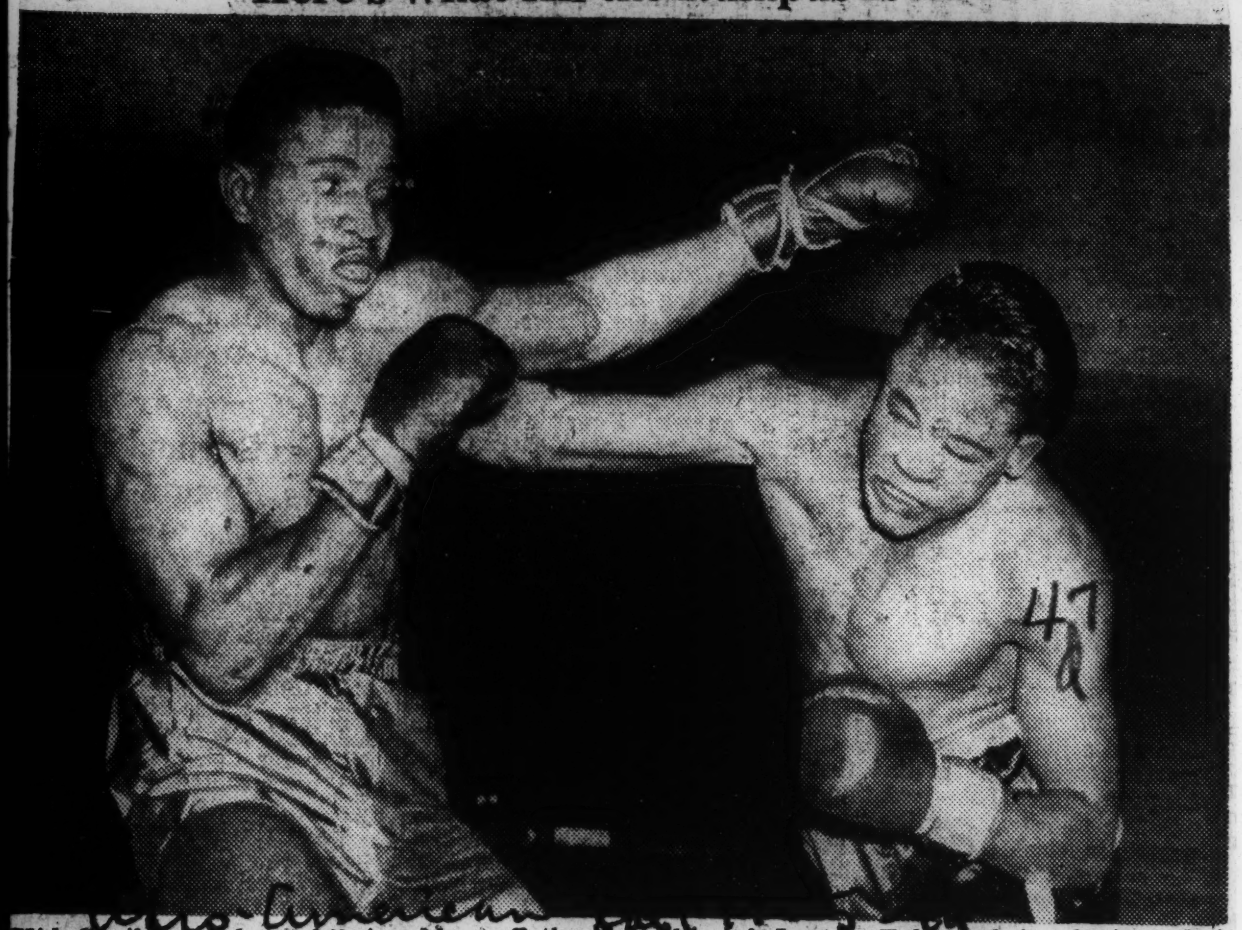
Lesnevich, the Cliffside, N. J., former light-heavyweight champ, claims that the reason he lost his last two fights was he was weakened by making the 175-pound limit. He doesn't know when he felt better in training, Gus declares, and is gunning for an upset.

Few people outside his camp share this optimism, although the search for a "white hope" still goes on. Charles will wind up boxing about Sunday or Monday, depending on his showing and confine the rest of his training to exercises, as will Lesnevich.

About the only thing that will stand the 32-year-old Lesnevich in good stead in the ring Wednesday, is his long experience and a decent fight. The experience will hardly be enough to earn a win over Charles, but it may save Gus from a knockout.

The winner will definitely not be recognized as the world's heavyweight champion by New York, according to Col. Eddie Eagan, head of the state athletic commission.

Here's What All the Rumpus Is About



Kid Gavilan lands a glancing blow off the shoulder of Lester Felton, left, during their much-disputed bout at Detroit last week. It was in this match that Felton was awarded a reputed "home town" decision over the Cuban Bon Bon. A referee and judge were charged with neglect of duty, had their licenses revoked.

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Felton Ready for Fight of Young Career

Free Press Photo

EDDIE FUTCH BERT LAMB LESTER FELTON

Young Detroiter's camp confident of victory over Gavilan

1 Choice to Whip

Felton

Detroiter Outgunned by Cuban

Lester Gets Big

Chance at Olympia

THE PROGRAM

Kid Gavilan, Cuba, vs. Lester Felton, Detroit, 10 rounds, 147 pounds.

Amello Agramonte, Cuba, vs. Mack Parshay, Detroit, 8 rounds, heavyweights.

Joey Carkido, New York, vs. Tommy Mathews, Detroit, 6 rounds, 135 pounds.

Ray Brown, Detroit, vs. Dave Marsh, Akron, 6 rounds, 147 pounds.

Cecil Graff, Detroit, vs. Chuck Simmons, Detroit, 4 rounds, 155 pounds.

Tony Bajkowski, Detroit, vs. George Reed, Detroit, 4 rounds, 128 pounds.

Joe Garza, Detroit, vs. Ken Brown, Detroit, 4 rounds, 145 pounds.

First bout at 8:30 p. m.

BY TOMMY DEVINE

Lester Felton, 20-year-old Detroiter, will take the biggest gamble of his brief boxing career Friday night when he tangles with Kid Gavilan, of Cuba, in a 10-round bout at Olympia.

The slim-waisted Felton has been fighting professionally only four years. He's spent most of his ring time on the "small club" circuit against secondary talent.

Whether he's ready for a shot at a major opponent like Gavilan is a question.

GAVILAN FOUGHT Sugar Ray Robinson last June for the world welterweight championship. He dropped the decision, but lost scant prestige. Currently he's rated the No. 2 man in the 147-pound division and the heir apparent to the title when Robinson relinquishes it.

Off his record, Gavilan has been installed as the justifiably heavy favorite at 3 to 1.

Gavilan has been campaigning in the United States since 1947. He's been against top-flight competition most of the time.

In addition to the two bouts with Robinson, he's whipped Lightweight Champion Ike Williams twice, Tony Pellone and Tommy Bell.

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A WEEK AGO at Chicago Gavilan took an easy 10-round decision from former Lightweight Champion Beau Jack.

In winning that bout Gavilan just toyed with Jack. He outslugged him in close and outboxed him when the former Georgia shoe-shine boy elected to fight at long range.

Gavilan appears to possess far too many guns for Felton. He's far and away the sharper puncher and the harder hitter. If he chooses to move inside, he figures to give the young Detroiter a good mauling.

Gavilan will receive 30 per cent of the net gate for his work against Felton. Lester is gambling on his showing against the Cuban to bring him lucrative future shots. He's getting a cut of only 15 per cent on this International Boxing Club promotion.

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FELTON'S only chance against Gavilan appears to be outboxing him for the distance and gaining a decision. The Detroiter doesn't figure to punch savagely enough to put the Cuban down for the count.

Felton, his trainer, Eddie Futch, and Manager Bert Lamb scouted Gavilan against Beau Jack. They insist that off that showing Lester can handle the Cuban. The records hardly support their contention, however.

While climbing the fistic ladder Felton has had 33 bouts. He's won 31, while losing to Bobby Dykes at Olympia last April and to Jimmy Sherrer at Chicago in June. Later he knocked out Sherrer in a bout here.

The preliminary card is a run-of-the-mine offering.

The eight-round semifinal sends Amelio Agramonte, of Cuba, a stablemate of Gavilan's, against Detroiter Mack Parshay. Two sixes and three four-rounders complete the show.

Bassett's Rise Inspiration to Young Boxers

With the start of another Diamond Belt Tournament at hand, the story of Percy Bassett should be inspiration to the youngsters starting out on their first fistic campaign.

Just three years ago the little lad from West Philadelphia fought for the first time — in the 118-pound sub-novice bracket of the 1946-47 Diamond Belt Championships. He wound up with a title. Today, after two seasons of pro battle, he is rated the finest young ringman in our town. One of the country's better-armed featherweights, he would be conceded a good chance against either Willie Pep, veteran champion of the feathers, or Sandy Saddler, who held the title until dethroned by Pep's astonishing comeback.

PERCY BASSETT

In his two years in the fight rings Pounding Percy, now 21, has lost only two decisions. When he faces Sante Bucca, an earlier Diamond Belt graduate, at the Met this Thursday night, Bassett will be gunning for his 35th pro victory in his 37th start. He has scored four sensational kayoes of late—to boost the total to 22.

KNOCKOUT STREAK

Sidelined for five months with a hand injury, Bassett, the chief bread-winner in the family, returned to action this fall with a knockout of Bernie Peters, a neighborhood rival. Since that time, he has polished off Tomas Beato, Danny Webb and Aaron Joshua.

Though Bassett, whose top fighting weight is 130, will be spotting plenty of pounds to Bucca, he figures to be favored over South Philadelphia's lightweight pride.

Only Eddie Giosa and Brown Lee have been able to beat Bassett. Bassett whipped Lee before, and after losing that one decision. No matchmaker ever has been able to sign a Giosa-Bassett rematch.

As it happens, Bucca defeated Giosa. But styles mean more in boxing than comparative results against a common opponent. If Bucca can defeat Bassett, he will have outfought the most promising graduate of Diamond Belting in recent seasons.

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CAMPBELL FACES JONES TONIGHT IN STADIUM RING

BY FRANK MASTRO

Tommy Campbell, No. 2 lightweight contender from Rock Island, Ill., Dale Hall, hard hitting Los Angeles heavyweight, and Henry Brimm, Buffalo middleweight, will be featured in three bouts of 10 rounds in the International Boxing club's third show of the season in the Stadium tonight.

Campbell, former Moline Dispatch sectional Golden Gloves 135 pound champion, is paired with Harold [Baby Face] Jones, Detroit southpaw; Hall, protege of Ike Bernstein, with John Holman, 1947 city Golden Gloves finalist, and Brimm, one of two boxers able to hold Ray Robinson to a draw, with Sylvester Perkins, also a Chicago Golden Gloves product.

Dawson Withdraws

Campbell originally was scheduled to meet Freddy Dawson, but Jones was substituted when Dawson, only fighter listed ahead of Tom in the National Boxing association ratings, withdrew to take a title match with Champion Ike Williams in Philadelphia Nov. 28.

I. B. C. officials admit that altho the show may engender considerable excitement, particularly the meeting between Hall and Holman, it will draw less than 5,000 if fans do not step up 6,000 general admission tickets, which will be placed on sale today.

The program will not be televised, but it will be broadcast by the American Broadcasting company over WENR, starting at 9 o'clock.

It was announced yesterday that Felix Bocchicchio, manager of Jersey Joe Walcott, who was defeated by Ezzard Charles for the N. B. A. championship in Comiskey park last June 22, has agreed to have his 195 pound charge meet the winner of the Hall-Holman encounter in the I. B. C.'s next presentation on Nov. 18.

Dale Has Won Three

Dale has won his three previous appearances in this city, his victims being Mack Parshay, Richard Ha[illegible] and Bill McClure, while Holman will be making his first start in his home town since becoming a top-notcher as a result of victories scored over Elmer Ray, Johnny Haynes and Sid Peaks. Two preliminary matches have been arranged, one at six rounds and the other at four. The card:

Tommy Campbell, Rock Island, vs. Harold [Baby Face] Jones, Detroit [10], 140 pounds.

Dale Hall, Los Angeles, vs. John Holman, Chicago [10], heavyweights.

Sylvester Perkins, Chicago, vs. Henry Brimm, Buffalo [10], 165 pounds.

Jackie Keough, Cleveland, vs. Paul Darby, Detroit [6], 160 pounds.

Don Jones, Detroit, vs. Joe Soduick, Milwaukee [4], 142 pounds.

Await Action

Harold Jones

Don Jones

Tom Campbell

Dale Hall

This quartet of boxers will be among those competing tonight on card in the Stadium.

Watkins Comes Back to Ring in Arena Show

Willie Watkins, 22-year-old Detroit ring veteran, will face Paul Darby, local middleweight, in an eight-round semifinal on the Arena Gardens' boxing program Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The bout will mark Watkins' first appearance in the ring in two years.

As a welterweight before his retirement, he fought Bobby Richerson, Frankie Abrams and Gene Boland. Among his most notable fights was a close losing decision to young Tony Janiro three years ago.

THE FEATURE bout of the card will send Harold (Baby Face) Jones against Clem Custer for 10 rounds.

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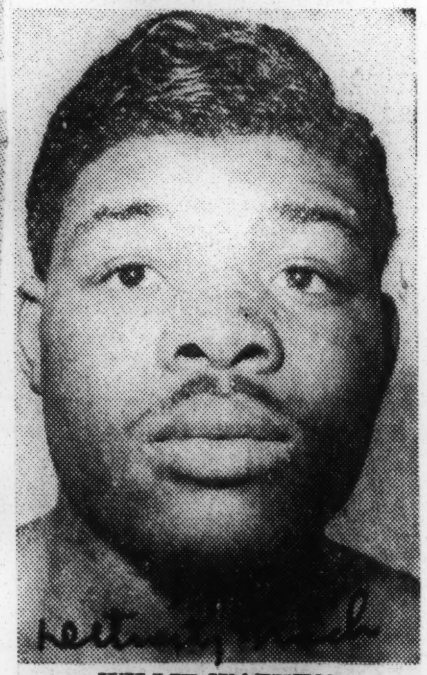

WILLIE WATKINS
Local boy at Arena

Promoter Hap Tucker also announced a price reduction beginning with the 1950 season. Tickets will be scaled at $1.30, $2 and $3, tax included.

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Henderson's Comment

By Edwin B. Henderson

For the NNPA News Service

One of the signs of slavishness, stupidity or ignorance is the subscription by Negroes to certain of the daily press whose editorial policy and news-slant is always directed against the interest of Negro citizens.

Of course, these papers must be read by our business men and some others. It used to be galling to see so many colored subscribers to papers whose main theme seemed to be to keep Negroes in their place. These papers play up crimes committed by Negroes, refuse advertisements for property not in the Ghettoes, and in general keep from printing stories that might give some inspiration to Negro youth.

A tip off on the policy of much of our daily press lies in the way our sports and pictures of Negro athletes are used. For many years, even here in Washington, D. C., the only pictures of Negroes in sport were those of the professional boxers. This is because white men make money out of Negro boxing.

Most of the owners of prize-fighters, the owners of the ball parks and halls the referees, the doctors judges, inspectors, and all who get fees are white business men. This interest can get plenty of space.

I have known of sports writers who received large sums which they shared with the sports editors to get news stories and pictures, whose purpose was to increase the size of the gate.

For many years here in Washington the sports headlines claimed city championships, or public high school city championships only when white high schools played. Negro high school sport news was in most papers generally relegated to the back pages or in obscure columns with small headline caps.

Last year a group of parents with local counsel approached the Board of Education and the Corporation Counsel charging that these headlines and stories advertising city championships for only white schools were false pretense or public deceit. As a result, the Board of Education releases now indicate "white" championships, and the corporation Counsel issued a desist order to papers that ignored the existence of colored athletics in headlining articles.

Recently, the Washington Post has shown a very fair disposition toward Negro news, and sport stories. Usually its editorial policy is square with democratic ideals.

The Post has featured a series of articles telling the career of Joe Louis, Larry Doby, and Jackie Robinson. These articles are full of human interest material and what is more they let the white public know how bitterly these sports representatives of ours hate Jim Crow.

Both Joe Louis and Jackie Robinson told their experiences with Jim Crow — even when wearing the uniform of the army. Both were at times arrested or court-martialed for trying to be first class citizens. All of them have felt the responsibility of carrying the torch for freedom while doing their jobs in the sporting arena.

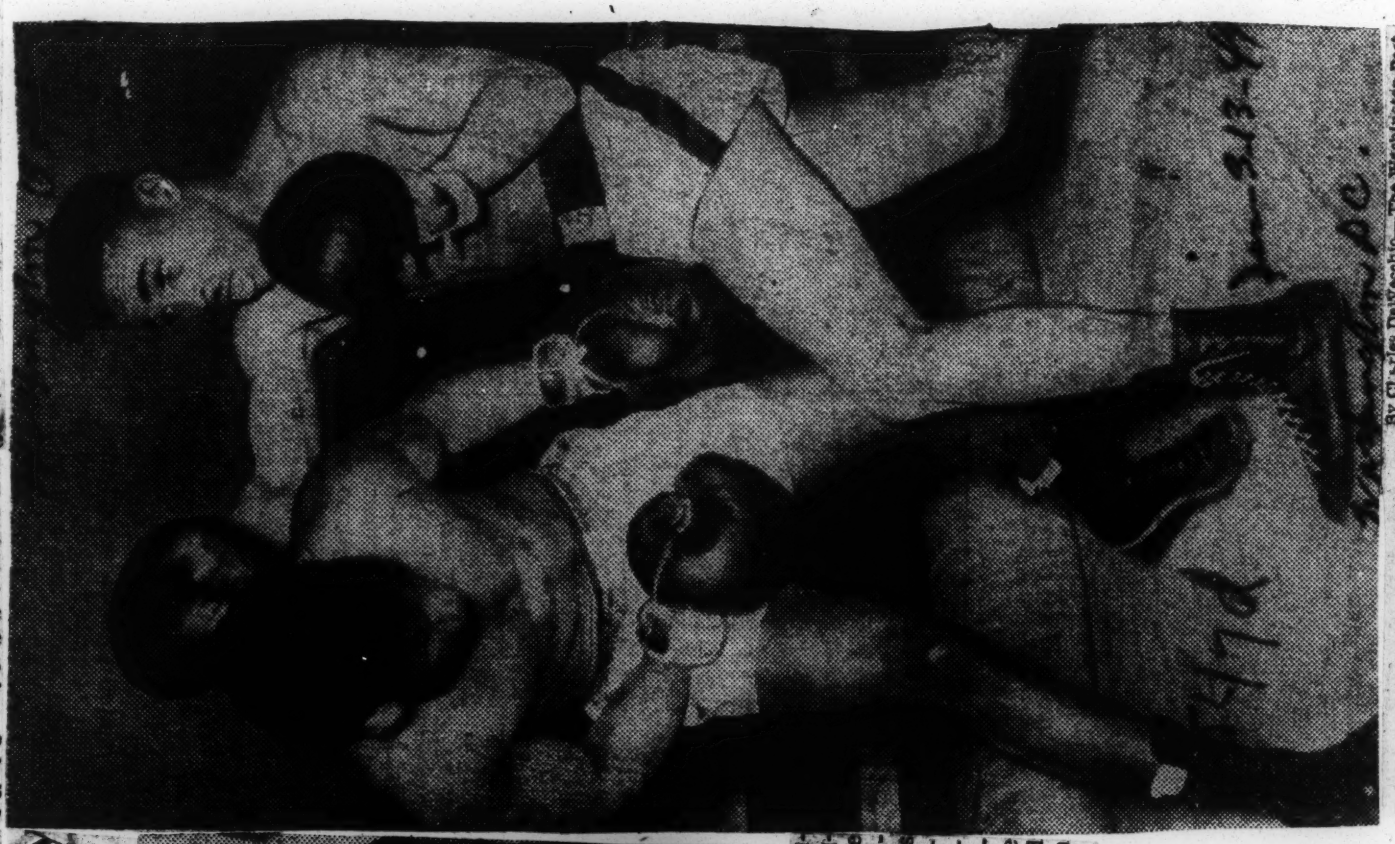
More and more the daily press in Dixie is giving space to accounts of our athletes. The average citizen learns and grows more liberal from reading these sagas. The Ku-Kluxers and the race-bitters are made more bitter.

It takes forthright courage on the part of owners or editors to resist their influence. It is for this reason that Negro citizens should subscribe more largely to those dailies that give us a break before the general public. Yet the owner of one of these liberal papers told me that the Negro subscription to his paper was slight.

Of course, those parents who do not care that their children grow up feeling and believing themselves inferior by reason of Jim Crow schools, only crime stories about Negroes, and no textbooks that inspire will keep on having for a home paper the one that aid in completing an inferiority complex. Until the day when our athletes become eligible for open competition and there are no more Jim Crow schools, we should favor the papers that give us equal space and add to our morale as citizens.

Of course, we still must depend on our splendid colored sports pages for fuller description of our games and athletes. The day will come, however, when the Negro press will be less of a special pleader for our rights as citizens and some publishers will find it necessary to compete with the daily press.

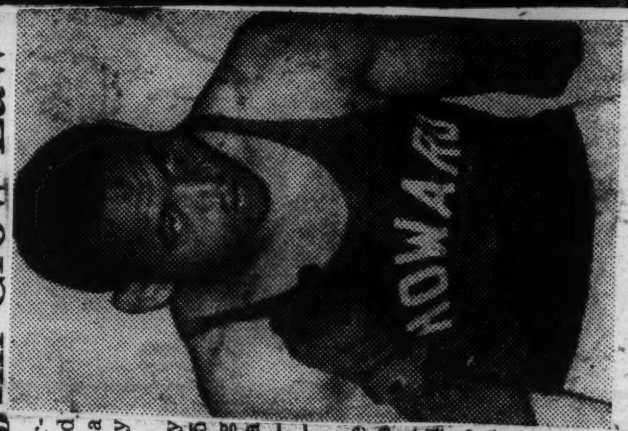
The Ku Klux papers will then be properly known, but until then let us subscribe to and commend the dailies in our cities which give fair and complete coverage to our sports.



By Charles DuVecchio—The Washington Post

FOR POST CARRIERS—Stonewall Jackson (left), 930 26th st. nw., and Walter Hamm, 1004 4th st. nw., mix it in an exhibition boxing match for the entertainment of carrier boys of The Washington Post at the Columbia Theater yesterday. Jackson, one of the District's better welterweights, also is a Post carrier.

Howard Student Wins Victory Over Virginia Jim Crow Law



NORVELL LEE

Staunton, Va., Sept. 7 (AP).—Norvell Lee, Negro Olympic boxer and Howard University student, won a State Supreme Court victory today over Virginia's Jim Crow law.

The high court unanimously threw out his conviction and $25 fine at Covington, Va., for refusing to move to a segregated car on a Chesapeake & Ohio train near Clifton Forge. He was arrested September 14, 1948.

The decision, written by Justice C. Vernon Spratley, reversed the Alleghany County Circuit Court. It followed a decision of the United States Supreme Court in June, 1946, outlawing Virginia's Jim Crow practices on interstate buses.

Lee bought a ticket from Covington to Clifton Forge and took a seat in the front section of a railroad coach under a sign designating the section for white passengers. However, persons of both races were in the section of the valid State statutes requiring segregation of the races in interstate car at the time.

The young Negro refused to commerce as contrary to the commerce clause of the United States change his seat when asked to do so. After the sheriff was called, Constitution, and have upheld statutes requiring equality of treatment of white and colored passengers in interstate commerce as constitutional and in accord with national policy," the opinion stated.

he got off the train, obtained a ticket to Clifton Forge and bought one for transportation from Covington to Washington, D.

When he reentered the train, he refund on his ticket to Clifton was arrested without being questioned.

Lee asked the State Supreme Court to reverse the circuit Court decision on the ground that he was an interstate traveler and that his arrest was "an unconstitutional regulation of interstate commerce and an invalid delegation of legislative power."

The Virginia high court found that Lee was an interstate passenger and said the only question was whether while he was traveling in this status he failed to take a seat assigned him pursuant to the State segregation law.

Federal courts in recent

YET BOTH players are still second-stringers. And holding down a first-team job, is one sophomore, truly remarkable player—Don Coleman.

Coleman is a 19-year-old former Flint star who was drafted onto the varsity in an emergency. When Capt. Hal Vogler was ordered to drop football because of a neck injury in fall practice, Coleman was forced into a regular's role, raw and untested.

Coleman

He is a midget by tackle standards. Weighing exactly 174 pounds he's the lightest man in the starting line-up by 12 pounds, backs included. Undoubtedly he is the smallest regular tackle on any major college team in the country.

A LACK OF weight hasn't hampered Coleman. He's one of the toughest of "Duffy's Toughies" (the nickname pegged on Line Coach Duffy Daugherty forwards) and he's durable.

His first test under fire was a convincer. Coleman made his debut in the great line battle between Michigan and Michigan State. Fast, agressive and rugged, he gave a 55-minute performance and was no weak spot so far as the Wolverines could determine.

Coach Biggie Munn termed Coleman's work in that fray as

Gets Contract Afro American Held by Jacobs Baltimore, Md.

International Boxing Replaces 20th Century

NBC TIE-UP HINTED

Brown Bomber Seen as Game's Top Czar

NEW YORK—What stands out as probably the most complete control the prize-fight industry has ever known, was acquired here last week by Joe Louis with the announcement Thursday that Mike Jacobs was retiring as head of the 20th Century Sporting Club.

Louis heads the new International Boxing Club, which is slated to replace 20th Century as the principal Madison Square Garden promotional concern. And along with the Garden, the new IBC outfit fals heir to what "exclusive services" contracts Jacobs was holding on present ring champions at the time of his retirement.

Aligned with the Brown Bomber in the IBC setup are James D. Norris and Arthur M. Wirtz, of Chicago, both wealthy sports promoters who wield tremendous influence throughout the Middle West and along the Pacific Coast.

NBC Tieup Hinted

According to the announcement, made jointly by Jacobs and John R. Kilpatrick, president of the Garden Corp., Jacobs sold out to a new corporation, the major interest in which, presumably, is held by the IBC.

It is strongly hinted, however, that the National Broadcasting Co., has invested approximately $750,000 in television contracts in the new setup, in an effort to hit back at the Columbia Broadcasting System. The latter is reported to be a silent partner in the Tournament of Champions, another promotional [illegible].

It was in this way that Louis, who for 12 years reigned as the world heavyweight champion, climaxed a meteoric rise from a factory job in Detroit as the strongest czar in the annals of the sport's stronger sex, a man who placed him on the throne, more powerful than the celebrated Tex Rickard, who founded the so-caled "million dollar era" in boxing.

As retired, undefeated heavyweight champion, Louis could even without the aid of the 20th Century holdover contracts—lord over most of the world's other heavyweights by a mere nod of his head.

His Real Authority Recognized

Few fighters would pass up an opportunity offered by Louis for, in him, the sport recognized true authority. Who else but one who ruled the division for so long could be better qualified to appraise the contenders?

It is common knowledge that any promoter who controls the heavyweight title is in a position to boast a stranglehold on the promotional picture. That was the reason the 20th Century Club increased its power each year after the acquisition of the crown via Louis.

In late years, Jacobs had begun to lose his hold on the sport. This was due mainly to the fact that Louis was fighting with less frequency.

One of Jacobs's biggest headaches was Sugar Ray Robinson, kingpin of the welterweights. Robinson, a hard-boiled businessman who can't be swayed by fast talk, has repeatedly fought outside the Jacobs fold and, even now, is preparing for a title defense under the banner of the rival T of C.

Expected to Join Group

With Louis and the new group on the scene, it is believed certain that Sugar Ray will become allied with it. He and Joe are fast friends and there is little doubt that Robinson is in a good way to gaining a financial interest in IBC when he is ready to stop fighting.

Insofar as Norris and Wirtz are concerned, between them they own Chicago Stadium and the Detroit Olympia. Moreover, they are said to have first call on the ball parks and stadia in every city from Chicago to Los Angeles.

These holdings, together with the Garden, Yankee Stadium and St. Nicholas Arena here, provide limitless opportunities for indoor and outdoor promotions by the new setup.

The 20th Century Club will remain active at least until June 1, conducting the three boxing cards already scheduled for May in the Garden and St. Nicholas Arena. Then the boxing leases now held by Jacobs wil be transferred to the new corporation.

Jacobs, who has been inactive since he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on Dec. 3, 1946, will have a place in the new corporation, but the extent of his participation was not made clear.

Promoted 26 Title Bouts

Jacobs, in the first industry since 1915, became associated with the Garden in October, 1937. That was about two years after he signed Louis to an exclusive contract and a few months after he had "licked" the Garden in a struggle for the services of Heavyweight Champion Jimmy Braddock.

Jacobs found a flaw in the contract which bound Braddock to defend his title against Max Schmeling and took Jimmy to Chicago, where he lost the championship to Louis.

The promoter, who was 69 last March, has had virtually complete control of big-time boxing since then. He promoted 26 world heavyweight title bouts.

There is little likelihood that the International Boxing Club will transfer the already scheduled Ezzard Charles-Jersey Joe Walcott heavyweight fight from Chicago to New York. This bout will be recognized by the Illinois Athletic Commission and the National Boxing Association as being for the world heavyweight championship.

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Ike's 12-5 Tonite Has Odd Ring to Kid

Daily Worker, New York, Fri. 4-28-49

By Bill Mardo

Kid Gavilan, a 12-5 underdog in his return with Ike Williams at Madison Square Garden tonight, thinks the odds are way out of proportion to his original effort against the lightweight champ.

"It was a very close fight," Gavilan reminded yesterday, "and many people thought I won. The odds do not make sense to me."

The brilliant boxing Cuban welter makes sense, however. He scintillated against Ike last year in their thrilling clash, and it was only an eight-round knockdown that swung the tide in Williams' favor. That automatically gave the 135-pound king the round and its importance can be gleaned from the official voting for Ike that night. 5-4-1 on two scorecards, and 6-4 on the other.

Gavilan thinks he should be even better tonight than he was in the February fight. He can come in at his natural weight of 147, whereas he worried himself down to 141 last time in being overconcerned about meeting the 145-lb. contract limit. At a normally strong 147, the Cuban champ thinks he'll be better able to absorb Ike's best bombs. Not that the Kid expects to be standing still offering the great hitter any pot-shots. Gavilan will fight his usual fight, in and out, to left and right, all the time throwing his busily spectacular barrage of jabs, crosses—and, of course, his famed bolos. It's not a potent arsenal Gavilan owns, but it comes in such quantity that the best of them find it difficult getting set against him."

WILLIAMS HAS real respect for Gavilan. He should, considering the tussle he received from him before. But Ike is a man with deep pride in his craftsmanship and he's out to gain recognition as one of the truly immortal little men. He has his eyes on the welter crown, too. The only thing holding up an actual challenge is his close friendship with the champ, Ray Robinson. Next best thing, Ike figures, is to become the first man to knock out Gavilan. Nobody has kept the Kid down for keeps, and darn few have even succeeded in holding him still long enough to floor him.

But knowing that he did bounce Gavilan for a nine-count, Ike is out to hit just a little harder, a little more often, and thus blast Gavilan down for that additional second. The champ has his troubles against a flitting foe. All stalking punchers do, whether the name is Williams or Louis. Willie Joyce was one speed merchant who bothered Ike no end earlier in his career. But Ike's come a long ways since. His boxing, too often ignored in the raves over his quick punching, is a thing of careful and fluid precision. Williams has become a master at trapping a guy, spotting an opening in a flash and threading through his rain of two-handed hell.

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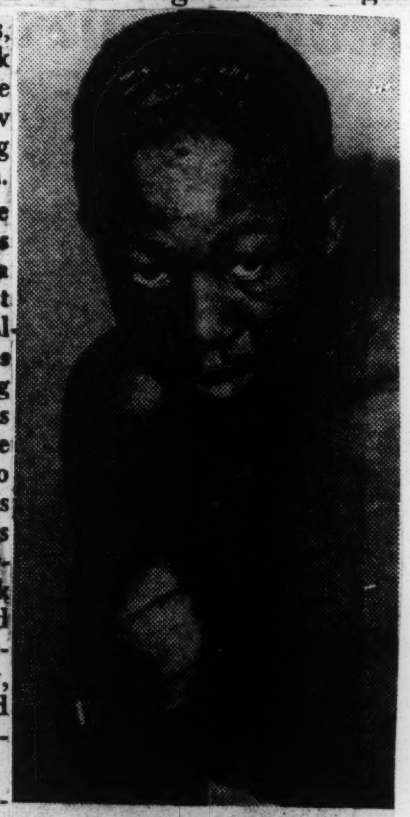
Jesse Flores, another will-o-the-wisp, discovered that to his sorrow last June at Yankee Stadium. Everytime Ike caught up with him, down went Jesse. He stayed down finally. It could be the same story tonight, although Gavilan has a greater assortment of punches to keep Ike off than did Flores.

Williams went to the well 12 days ago against Johnny Bratton. Out to get a 10-round workout under his belt, and obviously favoring his recuperating right mitt, Ike won a comfortable decision over a very clever and formidable foe. He should be sharp and ready this pee-em.

The goodly crowd, an expected 15,000, will see a very good fight. They'll also see Ike come home the winner, I believe, and with none of the question marks which followed the first one. This writer picked Gavilan last time, and thought he won. But it would be foolhardy to go against Ike the second time around. He knows what to expect from the Kid this time, knows that he can drop him if he catches him, and when Williams wants to catch somebody real bad, brother, that's bad. For Gavilan. If the Kid could hurt, it would be a different story. But he was cheated out of a sock and that makes the difference against a magnificent puncher like Ike.



KID GAVILAN

Colored Boxers Dominate Golden Gloves Tourney

Daily Worker, New York, Fri. 3-19-49

By JAMES L. HICKS

NEW YORK — (NNPA) — Participating in 14 out of 16 bouts on the card, and winning seven of eight championships, colored fighters, paced by a team from Washington, D. C., dominated the finals of the 13th annual Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions at Madison Square Garden here last night, Thursday night.

In addition, the colored leather tossers also took seven of the eight consolation titles. Only six whitetitle fighters survived the rugged three-day elimination bouts held at the Ridgewood Grove Arena in Brooklyn to advance to the finals at the Garden. With 16 bouts on final card, 26 finalists were scheduled.

The colored boxers were paced by 18-year-old Johnny Saxton of Brooklyn, national Golden Gloves champion of last year in the 135-pound division, who picked up eight pounds since last year and came on to win the 147-pound championship.

OUTPOINTS DAUGHTRY

In one of the highlights of the card, Saxton outpointed Daughtry, Washington, D. C., boxer. The fight was fought at a fast pace and held the interest of the spectators all the way.

Daughtry clearly outboxed his favored opponent in the first round, making Saxton come to him and ripping him repeatedly with fast lefts to the face.

Saxton continued to pursue his foe in the second session, but this time he caught him and belabored Daughtry considerably about the body.

Daughtry elected to fight from a southpaw stance in the third round, and that proved his misfortune. Saxton landed punches in a steady stream and piled up a big lead. Late in the round, Daughtry shook, Saxton with a left to the jaw, but was unable to do further damage.

In the 17-year-old Garden fans by his amazing speed and skill in the center of the ring and on the ropes. He was the most colorful fighter in the tournament.

BAKER EXCELS

In the heavyweight division, 22-year-old Bob Baker of Pittsburgh picked up his way to the finals by pounded his way to the title over Van Curry of Hempstead, L. I., in a bout which saw Baker force the fight all the way with Curry, a 19-year-old drummer, failing to live up to the form which had advanced him to the finals.

The 135-pound championship went to Bobby Barnes, of Buffalo, who started cautiously against Johnny Craven, a white youth from Florida, in the first round. Barnes gave him a boxing lesson in the second, and came back to give Craven the beating of his life in the third. After the bout the Florida boy wobbled over to Barnes and embraced him as he congratulated him on his victory.

Ronald Randall of Washington, D. C., took the 160-pound title with a smashing first-round victory over Fred Patterson, of New York, a 17-year-old lad. Winner of 28 straight knockout victories in the first. They fought for the amateur fights. Patterson 126-pound consolation title.

The consolation title in the 135-pound class was won by Danny Washington slugger of Richardson of Trenton, who defeated George Crump, Hempstead neutral corner while in a hard fought battle. Crump counted Patterson out. was a substitute for Pete Cilinski of Washington.

DULLEST BOUT

The dullest bout was staged by Felix Mann of Buffalo and Albert Gary of Boston for the 175-pound consolation title. Gary, a 1945 AAU champion of Cleveland, entered the ring with his hair smoothly pressed in a "conk" and determined not to get it mussed. Mann was not determined to muss it and there was very little action. Mann won on points.

Former heavyweight champion Coley Wallace, who last Wednesday night had dropped a close decision to Baker, the new champion, won a listless consolation battle from Jim Hillard of Huntington, W. Va., in the heavyweight class. Wallace did not open up until the third and last round and when he did he found Hillard an easy target. He could not, however, knock Hillard out.

A crowd of 11,546 witnessed the show, the proceeds of which went to charity. The tournament was sponsored by the New York Daily News Welfare Association.

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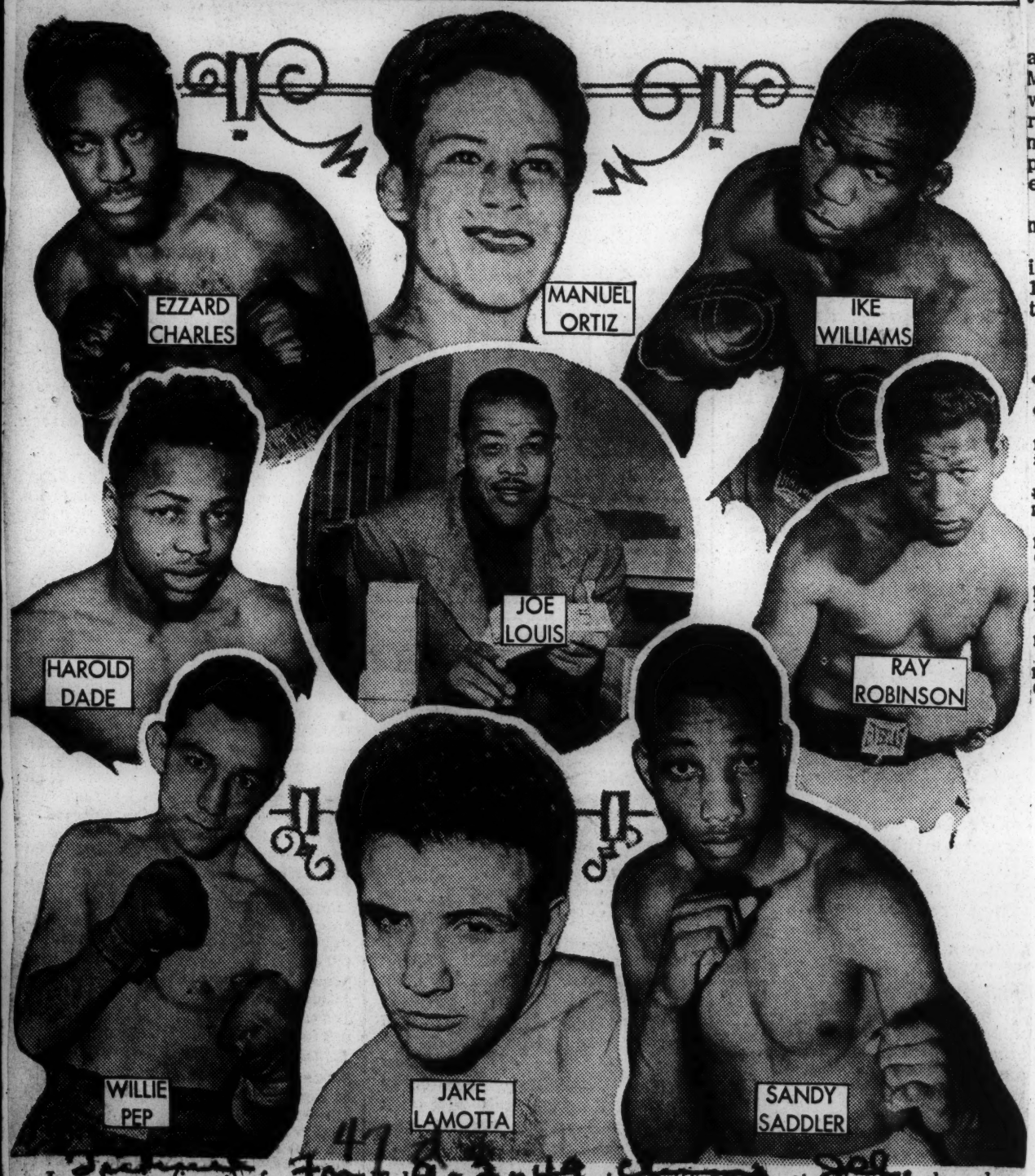
ALL-WHITE BOUT

The 118-pound championship bout was staged by colored boxers did not reach the finals. It was the only title fight in which was the only other all-white bout on

RING STARS SPARKLE IN STADIUM TONIGHT



Joe Louis (inset), former world heavyweight champion, will referee tonight, but the other fighters will be in action on the Carnival of Champions show in the Stadium. Eight bouts are on the card, which includes six champions. Louis will officiate the bout between Ezzard Charles, present heavyweight king who took over the crown vacated by the Brown Bomber, and Joe Modzelle.

Dade Faces Saddler in Main Event

BY FRANK MASTRO

The Carnival of Champions show will open the indoor boxing season in Chicago Stadium tonight at 8:30 o'clock under sponsorship of two south side charities.

Eight bouts have been arranged for this dream program, two at 10 rounds and six at four. Principals in the main 10 round fight will be two former world champions—Sandy Saddler, clever New York boxer who was dethroned as featherweight title holder by Willie Pep in Madison Square garden last February, and Harold Dade, native Chicagoan who was relieved of the bantamweight championship by Manuel Ortiz in Los Angeles two years ago.

will referee Ezzard's engagement with Joe Modzelle, New Kensington, Pa., 178 pounder.

Foreign Champs On Card

Opponents of Williams and Pep are claimants of foreign titles. Miguel Acevedo, who is paired with Willie, is the 126 pound ruler of Cuba, and Arthur King, matched with Williams, is 135 pound champion of the British empire.

All encounters will be for three minutes.

Eight ounce gloves will be used in the pair of 10 round events and 12 ouncers will be the weapons in the four rounders.

The card:

Sandy Sandler, New York, vs. Harold Dade, Chicago (10), 130 pounds.

Artie Towne, New York, vs. Lloyd Gibson, Cincinnati (10), 165 pounds.

Ezzard Charles, heavyweight champion, vs. Joe Modzelle, New Kensington, Pa. (4), nontitle.

Jake Lamotta, middleweight champion, vs. Al Winn, New York (4), 165 pounds.

Ray Robinson, welterweight champion, vs. Johnny Dudley, Des Moines, (4), 155 pounds.

Ike Williams, lightweight champion, vs. Arthur King, British empire 135 pound champion (4), 137 pounds.

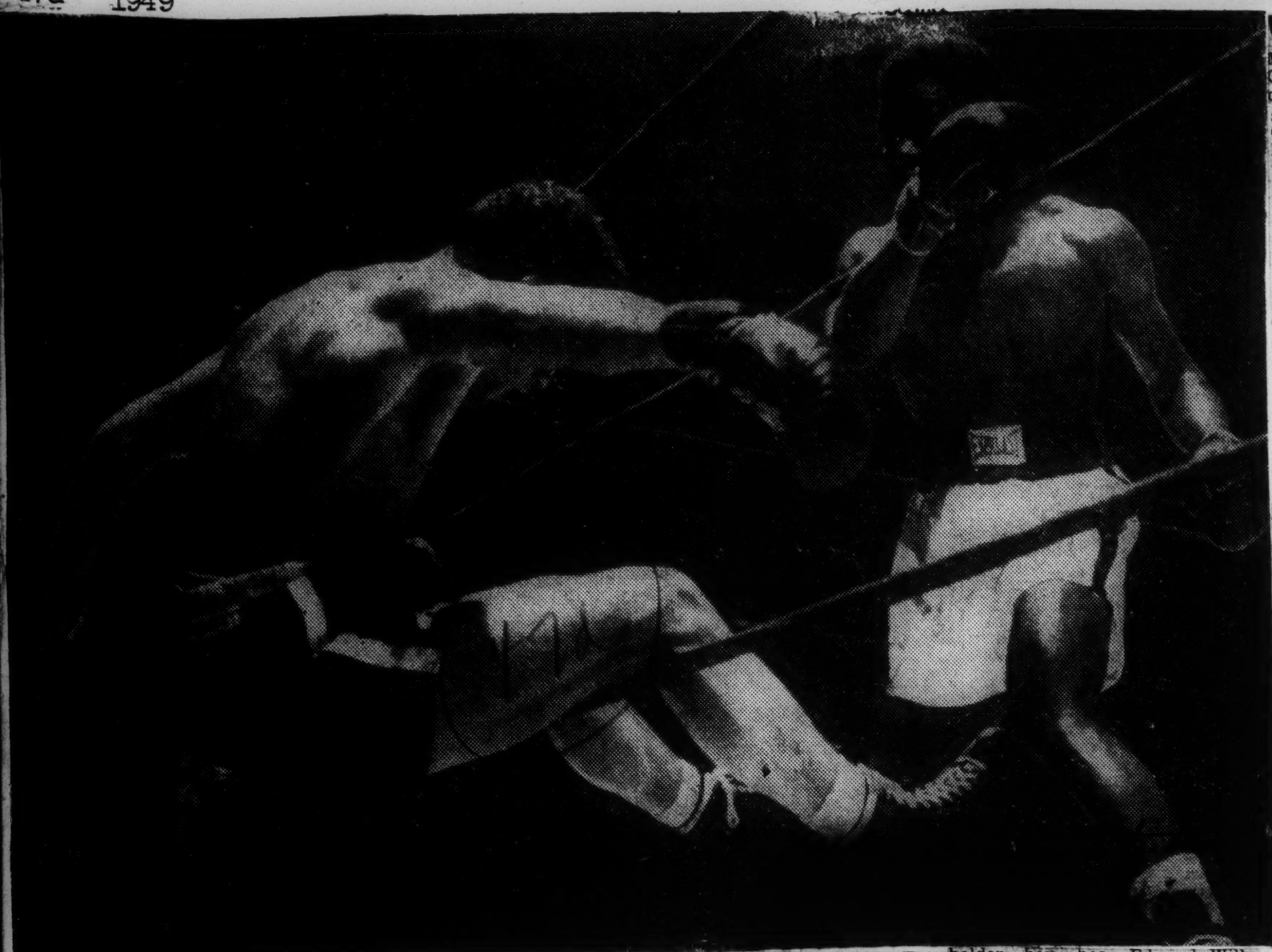
Willie Pep, featherweight champion, vs. Miguel Acevedo, Cuba (4),

Manuel Ortiz, bantamweight champion, vs. Chuck Wilkerson, Cleveland (4), 126 pounds.

Pep, Ortiz To Appear

Pep and Ortiz also will appear on the program, along with four other boxers recognized as world title holders—Ezzard Charles, heavyweight; Jake Lamotta, middleweight; Ray Robinson, welterweight, and Ike Williams, lightweight. Each will box a four round exhibition against a capable opponent.

In addition, Joe Louis, who gave Charles the opportunity to become his successor as owner of the biggest prize in boxing by renouncing the title he once held,



BELTED THROUGH THE ROPES—Willie Beltram, Brooklyn lightweight, goes tumbling through the ropes as Arthur King, 22-year-old British Empire champion, lets go with a terrific right-hand punch in their Madison Square Garden eight-rounder Friday night. This happened in the fourth round as the British Negro went on to win the decision. Associated Press Staff Photographer Matthew Zimmerman snapped the action.

Associated Press Wirephoto

Joe SAYS

A Real All American

FROM THE GOLDEN GLOVES TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS has come an array of professional fighters whose names have been blazoned across the pages of pugilistic history. Such names as Joe Louis, who recently retired as undefeated heavyweight champion after defending his title 25 times; Barney Ross, former world welterweight champion; Harold Dade, ex-world bantamweight champion, and Zony Zale, former world middleweight champion and who is now boxing coach at Chicago's C. Y. O. center.

Sportsmanship trophies named in honor of these former world champions are given in the four divisions each year. Among the Negro fighters who have won trophies are, Ross trophy: Verne Patterson, Savoy A. C., in 1937; Zale trophy: Collins Brown, Savoy A. C., Chicago, 1944; Louis trophy: Walter Moore, Savoy A. C., Chicago, 1943, and Willie Clemmens, Indianapolis, 1948. Ed Davidson, Columbus, Ohio., was chosen for the Louis trophy this year but was disqualified on his own admission that he had fought for money.

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JOE LOUIS, THE GREATEST heavyweight of all time and the greatest money maker the ring has ever known, was winner of the Golden Gloves light-heavyweight title in 1934. He represented Detroit. Other Negro 175-pound title holders have been Edward Wills, Chicago, in 1929; Jimmy Reeves, Cleveland, in 1939; James Ritchie, St. Louis, 1940; Hezzie Williams, Chicago, 1941.

The heavyweight championship list includes Lorenzo Pack, Detroit, 1935; Dan Merritt, Cleveland, 1938; Hubert Hood, Chicago, 1942; Walter Moore, Chicago, 1943; Luke Baylark, Chicago, 1945; Richard Hagen, Chicago, 1947, and Clarence Henry, Los Angeles, 1948.

Negro title holders in the 160-pound division have been Dave Clark, Detroit, 1935; Milton Shivers, Detroit, 1936; Al Wardlow, Dayton, 1937; Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, 1939; Samson Powell, Cleveland, 1943; Collins Brown, Chicago, 1944.

Johnny Phagen, Chicago, in 1932; Verne Patterson, Chicago, in 1937; Milton Jones, St. Louis, in 1939; Levi Southall, Peoria, in 1944, were among the Negro welters to become champions. Lightweights include Roosevelt Haines, Chicago, in 1929; Chauncey Crain, Chicago, in 1930; Edward Ward, Chicago, in 1933; Johnny Pleasant, Chicago, in 1939; Chuck Hunter, Cleveland, in 1943; John Labroi, Gary, in 1947.

WILLIAM JOYCE, Gary, rose to the 126-pound heights in 1937, Major Jones, Kansas City, in 1944. Clayton Johnson, Sioux City, Iowa, copped the 118-pound championship in 1944; Bob Jarvis, Kansas City, in 1945. While scanning the list of the 112-pound champions we find, Jesse Levels, Cleveland, in 1934; Jackie Wilson, Cleveland, in 1936; Harold Dade, Chicago, in 1940, and Dade again in 1941; Robert Holiday, Cincinnati, in 1947 and 1948.

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TRULY, IF THERE IS any one event in all America which can be called democratic it is the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions. Texas, Oklahoma and other places in the South sent lily-white teams into the tournament. But when these youthful mitt slingers enter the ring there is the highest class of sportsmanship displayed. If there is such a thing as calling the event an All-American tournament, that is what it is. All races, all creeds, all nationalities meet in the roped arena seeking a championship. One boy is the same as the other. It takes the pure in heart to survive. Thirty-six daily newspapers and three radio stations make this event possible.

Each team entered represented eight boys who had survived a championship tournament in their section. Negroes were on the following teams: Chicago Tribune, 4; Terre Haute, Ind., Star, 3; Peoria, Ill., Journal Transcript, 2; Danville, Ill., Commercial News, 5; Rockford, Ill., Morning Star, 3; Springfield, Ill., Citizens Tribune; Evansville, Ind., Courier, 3; Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Gazette, 1; Dayton, O., News, 6; Muncie, Ind., Star, 2; Springfield, O., News Sun, 5; St. Louis Globe Democrat, 4; Los Angeles Times, 5; Kansas City, Mo., Star, 3; Kenosha, Wis., News, 1; Fort Wayne, Ind., Gazette, 4; Grand Rapids, Ind., Press, 2; Omaha World-Bee, 1; Columbus, O., Dispatch, 5; Des Moines radio station KWDM, 1; Indianapolis Times, 7; Cincinnati radio station WKRC, 6; Toledo Times, 2; Ogden, Utah, Examiner, 1; Milwaukee Journal, 3; Gary, Ind., Post Tribune, 8; Denver Rocky Mountain News, 2.

Willie Pep's Brain Beats Saddler's Punch

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

(By Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK CITY—Willie Pep's brain and his keen knowledge of boxing tactics enabled him to regain his featherweight title here last Friday night in Madison Square Garden from hard-hitting Sandy Saddler, the bronze bomber of Fistiana. Last October Sandy knocked out wily Willie and took the title. Friday night a roaring, capacity throng saw Pep take it back in a bruising, thrilling fight, in which Willie proved that he still knows how to box.

They battled for fifteen long rounds, with Pep winning a unanimous decision. Despite the fact that that the officials saw the fight the same way, Referee Eddie Joseph received considerable criticism from ringside observers for the way he apparently favored Pep when it came to inside skirmishes.

Saddler's manager, Charley Johnson, said Referee Joseph gave Sandy all the worst of it. He cited instances where Pep stepped on Saddler's feet, hit with open gloves and used his elbows without being warned.

It was charged that Joseph permitted no in-fighting, where Saddler was at his best. He jerked, glared and scolded Saddler throughout the bout for hitting and holding, but refused to penalize Pep for his tricks of spinning, shoving and running.

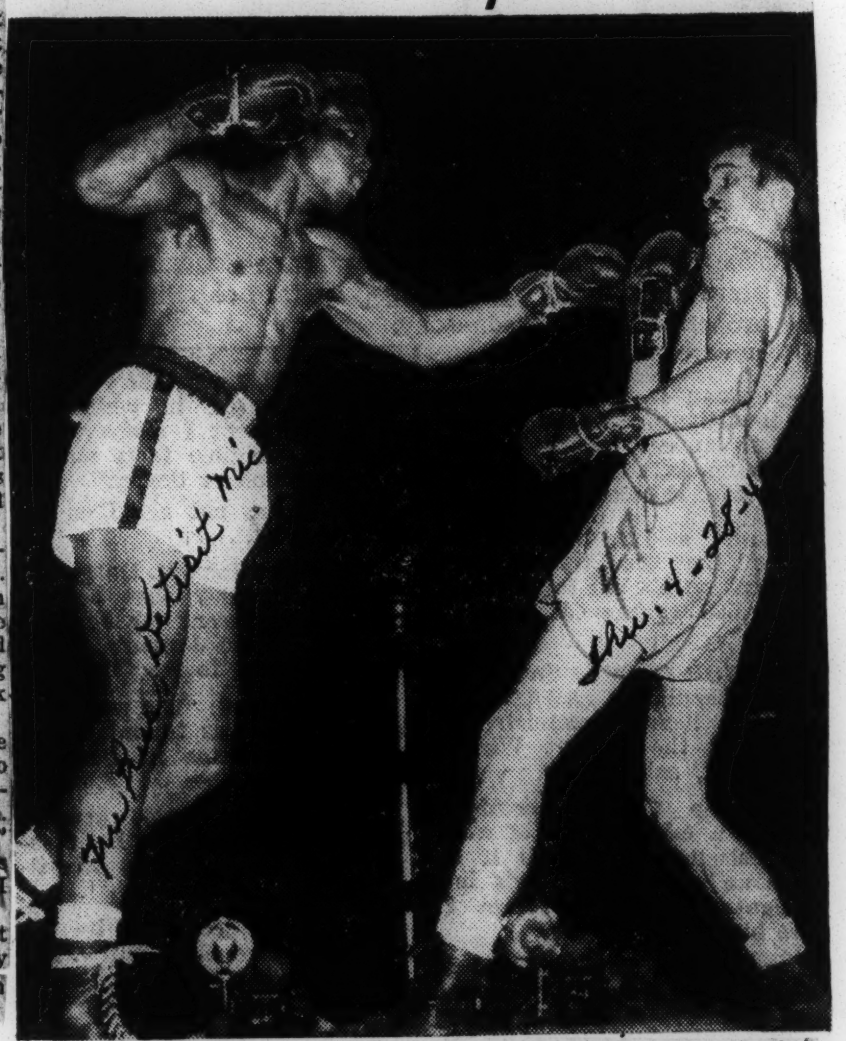
If the fight were judged on hitting power, Saddler won in a walk. Pep's face looked like it had been through a meat grinder when the bout was over. But Willie stayed in there and by clever boxing scored enough points to win back his valuable title.

Promoter Harry Markson of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club is trying to rematch the two fighters for an outdoor battle in June.

"I sure want to fight him again," said Saddler after the brawl. "He's a clever little guy, but I'm sure I can beat him again."

Pep's handler's apparently aren't so anxious for a rematch. They may take the title and put it in moth balls.

Felton Aims—Dykes Ducks



Free Press photo by Tom Venaleck

Lester Felton, youthful Detroit welterweight, gets ready to shoot over a fast right at Jimmy Dykes, of San Antonio, in their ten-round bout at Olympia. Dykes kept well out of reach and piled up enough points to end Felton's 29-bout winning streak by a split decision.

Texan Gets Nod on Split Decision

The Free Press
Detroit Mich.

Only 10,062 Fans Attend IBC Opener

BY TOMMY DEVINE

The 29-bout winning streak of Detroit s welterweight title aspirant, Les Felton, came to a surprising end at Olympia Wednesday night as Joe Louis made his promotional debut.

Felton, unbeaten in his professional ring career, dropped a split decision to Bobby Dykes, of San Antonio, Tex.

The bout capped a fine all-around card which was featured by two knockouts in earlier bouts.

Thu. 4-28-49

THE FIRST show of the new International Boxing Club of Louis, Arthur Wirtz and James D. Norris, drew a disappointing house of 10,062 fans. The gross gate was $21,490.80 and a net of $16,036.80.

The action in the Dykes-Felton bout was fast from the opening gong to the final bell. The youthful welterweights fought at long range most of the time. They seldom attempted to move in close and pepper each other to the body.

The closeness of the bout was indicated by the manner in which the referee and two judges voted.

Referee Johnny Weber gave Dykes four rounds, Felton three and called three even. He voted for Dykes, 52 to 48, on points.

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JUDGE FRANK FISHER gave each fighter four rounds and called two even. He balloted for Dykes, 51 to 49.

Judge Joe Lenahan had a different outlook on the battle. Lenahan gave Felton five rounds, Dykes three and called two even. On points he gave the fight to the Detroiter, 51 to 49.

The Free Press card sided with Lenahan. 4-28-49 Thu.

FELTON STARTED out rapidly and punished Dykes with his darting right in the first two rounds. Dykes took the play away from the Detroiter in the third when he caught Felton with a right to the jaw and floored him for a two count.

Felton came back strong in the fourth and punished Dykes with a two-fisted attack that had the Texan hanging on.

Felton continued to dominate the fight until the eighth round when he apparently "ran out of gas."

As Felton tired, Dykes grabbed the chance to pull the decision out of the fire.

The Texan's best round was the ninth, when he finally began to utilize a good left-hand to an advantage. He battered Felton to the body and repeatedly drove him back.

The 10th was a duplication, and the late rally was enough to win the attention of one judge and the referee.

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IN ANOTHER scheduled 10-rounder, Luther Burgess, Detroit featherweight, knocked out Miguel Acevedo, of Cuba, in 30 seconds of the third round.

Burgess was in charge from start to finish and quickly polished off the plugging Cuban.

Del Flanagan, of St. Paul, added another knockout to the program when he stopped Chino Alvarez, of Mexico City, on a technical knockout in 48 seconds of the second round. Chino definitely had a China chin. Nuf sed.

In a four-round exhibition, World Featherweight champion Willie Pep toyed with Finland's Elis Ask.

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WILLIE SHOWED the young importation of former Heavyweight Champion Jack Dempsey the importance of the left hand.

In the fastest bout of the card, Art Aragon, Los Angeles lightweight, and Luther Rawlings, of Chicago, stood toe to toe and slugged it out. Rawlings, the harder puncher, gained the unanimous decision.

GIANTS GET 2 NEGROES—Outfielder Monte Irvin and infielder Henry Thompson, the first Negro players to appear on the club's roster, have been purchased by the New York Giants from the Jersey City club and will be in uniform at the Polo Grounds when the Giants meet the Phils tonight.

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Champions

Colored Americans Now Hold 4 of 8 Ring Championships

Henry Armstrong, colored was champion in three divisions: welterweight, lightweight and featherweight.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.: P. L. Prattis, editor and columnist of the Pittsburgh Courier, in the paper's issue of February 5, listed all of the champions in the eight divisions of boxing and pointed out that whereas, boxing is more or less an American game, like baseball, there is not a single white American listed among the eight champions. On the other hand, the writer points out, colored Americans in the boxing game, it is believed, is why little or no reference to "race" is made either in the newspapers or on the radio when boxing news is published or broadcast.

As is well known, Joe Louis is the world's boxing king, and in addition has held the title longer and defended it oftener than any other holder of the title. Louis, very well might be called the FIRST champion, in that he has given every challenger a crack at his title.

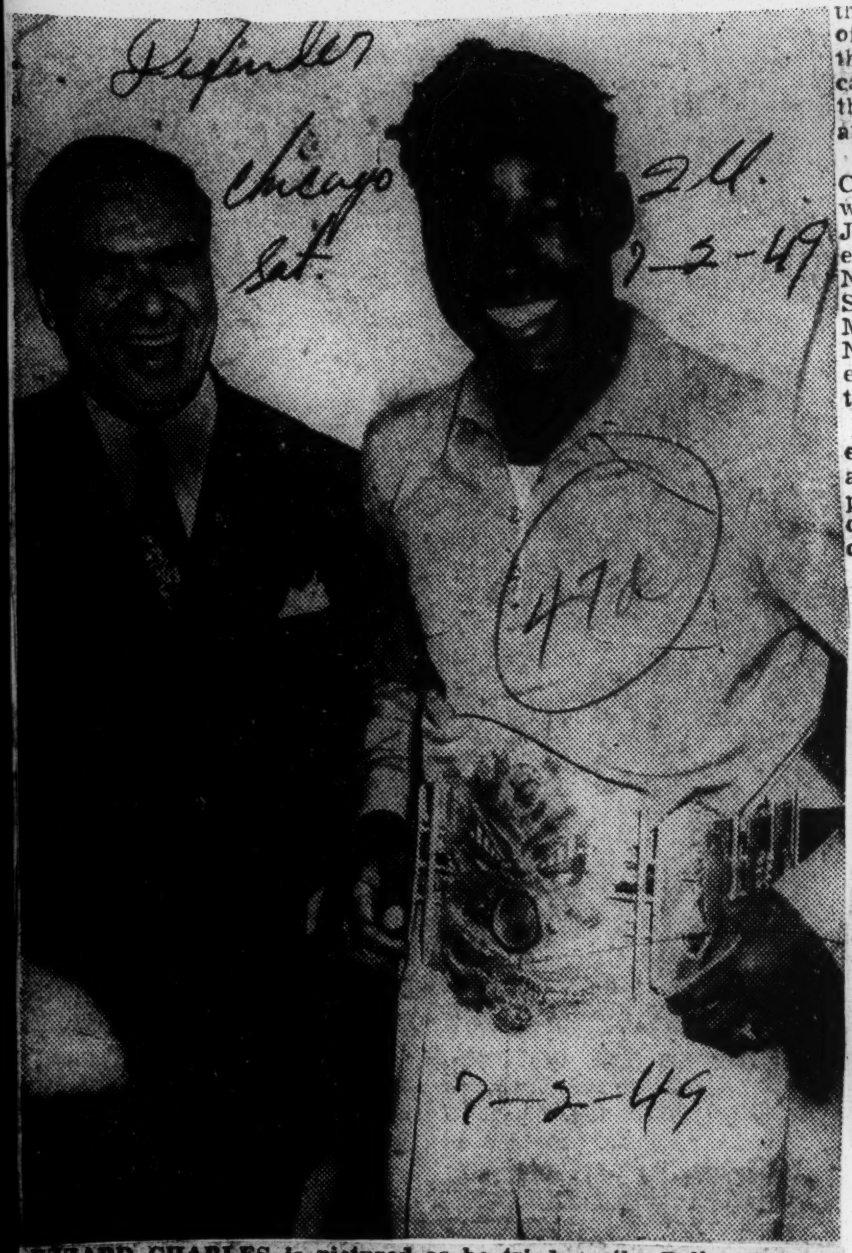
Jack Dempsey for whom many sports commentators work overtime trying to "sell" him as the greatest of heavyweight champions, it is recalled drew the "color line" on Harry Wills a worthy colored challenger and because of Dempsey's demonstration of "cold feet" he was ruled ineligible to box in New York the Empire State in boxing. In addition, the South American boxer, Firpo, technically won the championship from Dempsey by knocking him out of the ring. Newspaper men at the ringside, helped Dempsey back into the ring and he then went on to win from Firpo in what many say was the rawest deal in boxing history.

Mr. Prattis points out that besides Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, at present there are three other colored boxing champions. They are, Ray Robinson, welterweight; Ike Williams, light weight and Sandy Saddler featherweight.

The other four champions says Prattis are:

Freddie Mills, English light-heavyweight; Marcel Cerdan, French; middle weight; Rinty Monoghan, Irish, flyweight; Manuel Ortiz, Mexican, - American bantamweight.

In this connection, it is recalled that at one time, Hammering



EZZARD CHARLES is pictured as he tried on the Police Gazette's bejeweled world's heavyweight championship belt presented to him on Thursday, June 23, by Commissioner Abe J. Greene (right) of the National Boxing Association. Charles won the title in a 15-round contest with Jersey Joe Walcott Wednesday.—Acme photo.

Mayor, Other Celebs Present For Welcome

BY GWEN BERRY

CINCINNATI, Ohio—Ezzard Charles, who dropped into comparative obscurity after winning the world's heavyweight title in Chicago Wednesday, came back home Sunday—and the whole town knows it.

In fact, it appeared that the whole town was at the rotunda of Union Station to greet him personally. This included Mayor Albert D. Cash, who presented the young champion with the key to the city that he had captured several nights before by

the new champion, but thousands of persons who had gathered along the route of the lengthy motorcade from the station, cheered themselves hoarse at his appearance.

Personally on hand to greet Charles, along with the Mayor, were Rev. Bankhead, Councilmen Jesse D. Locker and Charles Dyer; Ensign Wesley A. Brown, first Negro graduate of the United State Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and Lt. Dennis Nelson, of Navy public relations, and a numerous committee of local dignitaries.

Sheriff Dan Tehan, commissioned the new champ a special deputy and Smith's Sporting Goods Co. presented him with a set of golf clubs, for use in one of his favorite diversions.

Atty. Theodore Berry read congratulatory telegrams from Larry Doby, Satchel Paige, Don Newcombe, Jackie Robinson, Joe Louis, J. Finley Wilson, Sugar Ray Robinson, Gov. Frank Lausche, Senator Robert Taft, and exhibited a stack more he was unable to read.

On hand for the welcoming, too, were his mother and his grandmother, pride showing in their eyes and bearing.

As fresh and as calm as when he stepped into the ring Wednesday night, to win the top honor of fistiana, Charles went through the whole thing in the same unexcited manner that has marked his conduct since winning the title.

For three days after the fight Wednesday night, Ezzard took things easy in Chicago, evidently aware of the ordeal facing him upon his arrival here.

establishing himself as successor to Joe Louis, under whose auspices he outpointed Walcott a Chicago's Comiskey Park in a 15-round go.

Not only words alone were heaped upon the young shoulders of

Associated Press Wirephoto.

"NOT FOR ME" says ex-champ Joe Louis as current heavyweight king Ezzard Charles offers him boxing gloves. Charles fights Gus Lesnevich in Yankee Stadium August 10

Constitution Staff Photo—Carl Dixon

CHARLES VISITS LAWRENCEVILLE—Dr. W. P. Ezzard of Lawrenceville, is shown feeling of Ezzard Charles' muscles yesterday when the NBA-recognized heavyweight champion visited his home town. Charles, who moved to Cincinnati 19 years ago, was named for the Lawrenceville doctor.

LAWRENCEVILLE GREETS CHAMP

Ezzard Charles Pays Visit To His Birthplace

By BOB CHRISTIAN
Constitution Sports Writer

LAWRENCEVILLE—Ezzard Charles may not be considered the heavyweight champion by every one in America but none of the doubtful live in his home town of Lawrenceville.

Charles arrived in Atlanta yesterday morning and less than two hours later was en route for his first visit to his birthplace in 10 years.

The visit turned out to be more than a casual stop-by. The Lawrenceville-born fighter had been in town less than five minutes when street corners were crowded with curious onlookers and doorways filled with people pointing, "There's Ezzard." Later the colored school was dismissed for the pupils to get a peak at the local hero.

Accompanied by his secretary, Ben Jones, Charles made a round of the Gwinnett County town and everywhere he went it was, "Ezzard, you remembers me, don't cha?" And some referred to him by his nickname, "Snooks." Sixty-five-year-old Gus Davis, walking on a wooden leg, said, "It's good to see him. His folks and our folks are just like kinfolks."

Charles visited Dr. W. P. Ezzard, for whom he was named; made a talk to the first three grades of the grammar school; autographed pictures and pieces of paper; chatted with his former grammar school teacher, Professor Hooper; walked along Clayton Street with friends; stopped by his grandmother's former home, which he said had been repainted, at 328 Clayton Street, and went by the railway station to talk with ole Billy Witherspoon, who has been with the railroad for 27 years.

His first stop was the office of Dr. Ezzard where a crowd soon pushed in for a glimpse of the champion. The phone rang but Dr. Ezzard was too busy to answer it. He talked with Charles, asking about the boxer's 86-year-old great-grandmother in Cincinnati, other members of the family and commenting, "Well, Ezzard, you're looking well."

As Charles walked across the street from the office, Miller Neal, who works in a local barber shop, stopped him and talked for a few minutes. Miller thanked him for a recent letter and told him where he could find some of his friends on the South side of town. Charles said, "This town used to look pretty big to a kid in overalls."

The heavyweight didn't find one friend of the family's for whom he was looking, Omma Harris. The neighbors said she was working late for some white lady who was sick, but next door in the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, where the first three school grades meet, the students heard of his arrival and 51 pupils beamed when they were told Ezzard Charles was coming in.

Charles told the six, seven and eight-year-olds, "I'm a prize fighter. My name is Ezzard Charles but here in Lawrenceville, I'm 'Snooks'. It wasn't too long ago that I went to school here and I'd like for you kids to listen to your parents and teachers and get some of the things life has to offer."

One six-year-old choked up with tears when a photographer wanted him to sit on Charles' lap for a picture but when he walked away six other youngsters leaped willingly.

He wound up his visit by stopping to see the old school building which had been torn down. Professor Hooper, however, still lived on top of the hill overlooking town and beamed proudly as Ezzard walked up to the porch.

That was his last stop except to walk down from the Professor's home for a glance at the house where he was born.

His shirt wet with perspiration and his shoes covered with what he said was 'good red dust", Charles told his friends good-bye and said, "I may be back for a week or more after my fight with Pat Valentino next month. I'd like to do a little fishin'."

Sophomore Gene Huddleston, of Atlanta, yesterday told Auburn football coaches he has decided to quit football, resign from school and accept a job.

Tiger coaches were further plagued today, as Junior Fullback Charlie Langner was lost until next Monday with an infected wisdom tooth. Tackle Foots Bauer will also be out for a week with a sprained knee.

GENE HUDDLESTON, ATLANTA BACK, LEAVES AUBURN

AUBURN, Ala.—(INS)—

This Morning

—With Shirley Povich

A FORWARD STEP toward clarifying the heavyweight championship muddle will be taken on the evening of August 10, when Ezzard Charles squares off with Gus Lesnevich inside the Yankee Stadium ring. The winner won't walk out with the undisputed title, but his stature will be increased. Post Dec. 7-30-49

Charles, conqueror of Jersey Joe Walcott, inherited recognition as champion by the National Boxing Association, but over in England the British Board of Boxing is ready to acclaim the winner of next month's Bruce Woodcock-Lee Savold fight as the title holder.

POVICH

At this point the New York Athletic Commission is holding itself aloof from labeling either fight as a title affair. Yesterday they told Promoter Joe Louis that they wouldn't give their blessing to the Charles-Lesnevich bout as a title bout, and politely suggested that the winner be matched with the Woodcock-Savold winner.

It isn't all working out as Louis had hoped. When he retired he designated the winner of the Charles-Walcott fight as the champion and a consideration of his retirement was control of the new champion's match-making. That is now no sure thing.

Washington, D.C.

LOUIS AND HIS PARTNERS in the new International Boxing Club must make their peace with Jack Solomons, the British promoter, who is yelling that Woodcock or Savold have better claims to the title. If the winner of his fight meets and beats Louis' champion then the control of the heavyweight scene Louis and his backers visioned will pass from their hands.

The reluctance of the New York Commission to recognize Charles is understandable and in keeping with New York reaction to anything that happens outside of New York. Charles won NBA recognition by beating Walcott in Chicago, licking the man who almost licked Louis twice. But as New York views it, something must be wrong with a fight that isn't staged under the aegis of the New York Commission.

Neither Woodcock nor Savold have title claims that stack up with what Walcott took into his fight with Charles, and the nearest thing to a legitimate champ would be Charles. The NBA was quick to recognize this, and it is a proud record it has when it stacks NBA champs against New York-recognized champions.

NINE TIMES when titles were decided in bouts involving NBA champs and New York champions, the New York champions were licked. Back in 1930 the two groups didn't see eye to eye. New York was recognizing Jim Slattery as the world's light heavyweight champ. The NBA labeled Maxie Rosenbloom as the title holder. They met, and Rosenbloom won.

New York evened the score temporarily when its feather champion, Henry Armstrong, knocked out Pete Sarron, the NBA title holder. But in 1941, the NBA mopped up in title fights involving its champs versus New York-recognized champs. In that year the NBA's Sammy Angott beat Lew Jenkins for the lightweight title, its Anton Christoforidas beat Melio Bettina for the lightheavy title, and Tony Zale licked New York's pet middleweight, Georgia Abrams. Gus Lesnevich defeated New York's Tami Mauriello for the light-heavy title.

In clashes between champions of the two groups, the NBA also triumphed. In 1942, Manuel Ortiz won the bantam crown from New York's Lou Salica. Willie Pep redeemed the New York label by winning the feather crown from Sal Bartole, the NBA champ, but Bob Montgomery, New York-approved, lost to Ike Williams who had the NBA blessing.

THERE IS NO GREAT suspicion that Lesnevich, in his fifteenth year as a professional fighter, will derail Charles on August 10. The price-makers have labeled Charles a 1-to-3 favorite, and Lesnevich in recent outings was unimpressive as a heavyweight contender. The paradox is that Charles chased Lesnevich in vain for a shot at the light-heavy title Lesnevich held, and now finds himself defending heavyweight honors against the man who side-stepped him.

There are a couple of items in Lesnevich's favor against Charles, though. Done with the light-heavies, he no longer is fohced to make weight and will stack up as big as Charles. And in his favor, too, is the fact that he is a vigorous body puncher.

Against Walcott, who apparently never threw a body punch in his life, Charles had no worries in Chicago last June. But he was worried considerably by Joe Baksi's punching to the midsection and was almost caved in by Baksi. Charles flinched too much when hit in that fight, and it didn't escape the notice of Lesnevich, a ringside observer that night.

Lesnevich Quits After 7th Thoroughly Beaten

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34-Year-Old Challenger No Match for Champ; Small Crowd of 16,000 Sees 1st Title Defense

By SAM LACY, AFRO Sports Editor

NEW YORK—His eyes puffed and cut, blood trickling from his nose and mouth, and his legs refusing to carry him where his mind dictated, Gus Lesnevich abandoned his vain pursuit of the NBA heavyweight title after seven rounds at Yankee Stadium, Wednesday night.

So it was that Ezzard Charles was successful in his first defense of the crown he won by defeating Jersey Joe Walcott in Chicago on June 22.

Proving beyond any reasonable doubt that, at 34, he is nothing like the man Joe Louis is at the same age, Lesnevich was a completely outclassed challenger in the eyes of the 16,630 paid witnesses.

The Cliffside, N.J., Russian absorbed so many left jabs and right crosses during the seven rounds that there were times when veteran ringsiders wondered whether he was essaying a purely offensive battle.

Except for the sixth, when he made one dying effort to stand off the inevitable by trading punches with his 28-year-old adversary, Lesnevich was pummelled about almost at Charles's will. Every other round went to the champion by a wide margin.

Lesnevich got over two good right hands as the first round opened and it could have been that this was the payoff. When these blows coming from a fresh opponent did not even sting Charles, the latter very likely realized at once that he was in for a fairly easy night. He immediately sailed in with several overhand rights of his own and Gus was slowed down to a walk.

All Charles

Apparently bent on being prepared for any possum-like action on the part of Lesnevich, Ezzard fenced through the first two minutes of the second heat. But when it became obvious that the challenger had little to offer, Charles polished off the round with a flurry of lefts and rights that gave him the edge.

The third, fourth and fifth were all Charles. He flicked a sharp left to the head with ceaseless regularity, rolled with Lesnevich's few wild leads and then countered with heavy rights to the face.

Peering through slits for eyes, Lesnevich rushed from his corner at the bell opening the sixth and tossed a long, looping right as he met Charles near the latter's stool. But the champion simply stepped slightly to the side and gave his lumbering foe a gentle push to help him along as he went plummeting into the ropes.

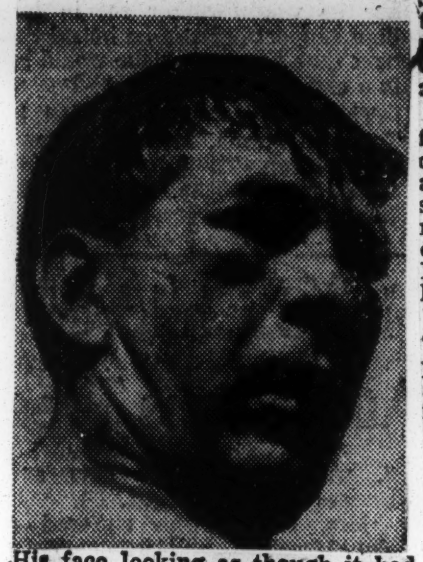
Lesnevich, recovering, took the initiative in what many in the audience seemed to think was a turn of the tide. He got over several good right hands but nearly as many as the custom appeared to think he was landing. Most of them fell on Charles's shoulder, while others were caught by the champion's open glove.

Having shot his bolt in that futile sixth, Lesnevich once more became a slow, dull-witted target for Charles in the seventh. His blows pelted Gus's injured optics and mouth. And occasionally he shot a crushing right to the Russian's undefended midsection.

Lesnevich's utter helplessness was so evident by this time that even before the gong sounded ending the round, his manager, Joe Vella, was showing signs of quitting in his corner.

Immediately the firing was halted, Vella called Referee Ruby Goldstein over and, after a brief conference with Gus, the official stopped the bout.

Punched Puss



His face looking as though it had passed through a mangler, Gus Lesnevich prepares to leave the Yankee Stadium ring following his thrashing at the hands of Heavyweight Champion Ezzard Charles last Wednesday night.

It was the only way to bring about a legitimate end under the circumstances. Under New York State boxing laws, the practice of throwing in the towel is not permitted. Had Vella done so, Goldstein would have picked it up and thrown it out again.

In his dressing room after the fight, Charles tossed a barb in the direction of Chairman Eddie Eagan of the State Athletic Commission. Eagan has refused to recognize Charles as heavyweight champion, although the National Boxing Association has accepted him as such.

Asked how he felt, Charles said: "I feel fine. I feel like a champion should. I'm ready to fight anybody Eddie Eagan sees fit to name as a 'title contender' within six weeks or two months."

A dejected Lesnevich sat in his dressing room, an ice-pack to the left side of his face. "I guess I didn't have it." he said.

the EZZARD CHARLES story

By DOC YOUNG

(Concluding Installment)

While Ezzard Charles was in uniform, Mrs. Alberta Moss, his mother, lived in Cincinnati, managing his amusement business, which included facilities for swimming, skating and dancing. Following his return from war, as a master sergeant in the Army, he sold the business because, he told his mother, "It is too hard for you to run the place."

During the war, Charles participated in many Inter-Allied boxing tournaments in North Africa and Italy, winning every bout and earning a rating as the best American fighter in the tournaments.

Since getting his discharge, and turning his mind from the possibility of going to college to a whole - hearted ring campaign which paid off with the heavyweight title June 22, Charles has had 16 bouts (including Walcott), winning all, including nine by kayoes. Jimmy Bivins, the "Duration Heavyweight Champion," who had beaten him in 10 rounds at Cleveland on January 7, 1943, succumbed to a four-round kayo on March 10 1947. He was beaten, too, in decision bouts in 1946 and last September.

Marshall got his kayo in two rounds on September 29, 1947, in Cincinnati, and Elmer "Violent" Ray, who won a 10-rounder on July 25, 1947, was given the chill treatment in nine rounds at Chicago on May 7, 1948.

"Cut-Up" Joe Baksi

Charles demonstrated that he could take care of full-sized heavyweights when he cut up and kayoed Joe Baksi at New York in 11 rounds last December 10. Prior to the heavyyeight championship bout, Charles won a 15-round decision from Joe Maxim in Cincinnati on February 29.

One of the most interesting stories to come out of a Charles fight was told after he had kayoed Archie Moore, the very respectable light heavyweight fighter, in Cleveland on January 13, 1948.

Ezz and Moore had trained at the little-known Savoy Athletic Club, run by the late Willard Earle, a former fighter. Both had looked good in training, but Charles was the more impressive because of his food-dislodging left hooks to sparring partners' bellies.

Ezz was the favorite to win the bout, but, for the first seven rounds, his monied supporters had ample cause for worry: Archie had gone into the ring with a plan (to box him out of the decision) and quite some ambition. He succeeded in sticking close, with the help of the referee who called one round against Charles on low blows. At the end of seven rounds, Charles was ahead by only slightly more than a hair.

Between rounds, so the story goes, Charles' board of strategy decided that the only way he could insure victory was by a kayo. The only way, they concluded, that he could get to Moore was by getting hit himself.

Moore Stopped

Charles went out for the eighth with this advice jammed in his brain. After a few seconds of action, it was plain that Moore was in there to box to a fare-thee-well. So, Ezz inched his chin forward. Moore, seeing what he thought was a great opportunity to clinch the thing by a kayo, forgot his plan of boxing and waded in with a couple of good belts.

But, the minute he deserted the plan of battle, he signed his death warrant. Ezz caught him flush on the button with a hammer-heavy left which sent Moore reeling canvas-ward. Fractions of a second before Archie's knees touched ring bottom, Charles connected with a looping right hand to the chin and Moore was chilled for more than a little while.

Those who argue that Charles has no punching power should look up Archie Moore, still a tough fighter, who should be good reference.

Tragedy Stalks Baroudi

There was a night—February 20, 1948—when this punching power had tragic effects. Charles was pitted against Sam Baroudi, a fighter who had dreams of meeting Lesnevich in a title bout, although he was but 21 years old. The bout was held in Chicago.

By the eighth round, it was clearly evident that Baroudi was a beaten man. Yet, the referee was callous to his near-helpless condition; refused to award Ezzard a technical kayo win and end the senseless torture to which Baroudi was being subjected.

In the 10th round, Charles sent home one of his choice lefts to the mid-section. Baroudi crumped, as though hit by a sledge-hammer, fell to the canvas. Matchmaker Jake Mintz, not realizing what had happened, paraded around the ring in all the glee of another victory.

Baroudi never regained consciousness. At 4:00 a.m. the next morning, he died at the Columbus Memorial Hospital.

Charles was stricken with horror at the turn of events. This was hardly sport, he felt, reliving each moment of the bout, knowing himself to be not guilty of an intentional killing, but realizing, with every throbbing thought, that a man was dead because of him. It did not matter that Baroudi, too, had killed a man in the ring.

Wanted To Quit

"I'll never fight again!" Charles announced with stark finality. He was through with prize fighting. It was not sport, he thought, when a man died by his blows.

But, Charles' mind and conscience were eased considerably when Sam Crandall Sr., father of the fighter who had taken the surname of his manager, though stricken with grief, told Ezz, "Keep on fighting. This death was an accident."

On May 7, 1948, Charles fought Elmer Ray and kayoed him in nine rounds, as aforementioned. He donated his purse to Baroudi's family, thus enabling them to move from a broken-down shack into a modern home, which Baroudi had planned to buy with the money was to earned on his fatal night.

It was no discredit to Charles that Crandall, evidently advised by shysters, a year later, declared an intention of suing the fighter for an additional $15,000. Charles, and the Chicago promoters, had done well by Crandall.

Charles had proven himself the best light heavyweight in the nation years before the end of Lesnevich's reign. But, this did not alter his ambition to become the heavyweight champion. He only preferred to go by way of a victory over Gus and the light heavyweight championship.

Gus's Price Too High

Gus, however, had a price: He wanted to take $80,000 from the championship bout, leaving some $7,500 for Charles. In addition, he wanted a 15 percent interest in Ezzard for 10 years. To this the Charles Company said, in effect, 'No, thank you. We'll do our fighting elsewhere." (See story of coming Charles-Lesnevich fight.)

Charles, whose determination to find the right girl will be infinitely more difficult as the glamour of being the heavyweight champion grows, has purchased considerable real estate. After his experiences in the amusement business field, he believes real estate is much more solid and considerably less wearing.

This trim lad, who fits well into the new generation of Negro athletic heroes—such as Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby, Harrison Dillard, Bill Willis, and Mal Whitfield—takes care of himself and works hard. He has a "safe" hobby in music and the he-man poems of Robert Service — author of "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" serve "for kicks." His luxuries are well-tailored clothes, a Cadillac convertible, and a Buick station-wagon.

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Ezzard Charles

BLOW - BY - BLOW ACCOUNT CHARLES - WALCOTT FIGHT

Memphis World

ROUND ONE:—They come out slowly but Charles bulled to attack. He got nowhere, and they stepped back to trade punches. Charles scored with a left hook. Walcott pushed him with a right.

Again they stepped back. A much longer wait ensued before they tied up without a blow being struck. Charles flailed a pair of lefts to the head, but took a hard right.

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ROUND TWO:—Again they emerged slowly, and frowned at each other. Charles plowed into a clinch. After stepping apart, they exchanged lefts and embraced again. Walcott landed a short left to the head and was wide with another.

Referee Davey Miller separated the next clinch forcibly. After some more of the same, Walcott slashed a pair of telling rights to the head and then a hard right to the same place.

He missed a ferocious right, and they tied up. Charles was wild with a right and took a Walcott right to the chest, then got in with a right to the stomach.

ROUND THREE:—Out they came, feinting again. They bobbed and weaved and measured. Walcott offered a right hook but Charles ducked, and they tied up. Stepping back, Walcott dropped his hands to his sides and waited. Charles accepted the invitation, and landed two solid punches to the body, driving Jersey Joe into the ropes.

Ezzard missed a furious right to the head, then Jersey Joe missed one of the same. Charles belted a right to the stomach of Walcott. Walcott threw a short right to the body, and then walked away.

He darted back to throw a right, but got one in return as the round ended.

ROUND FOUR:—They circled and glared, as per usual, offering ineffective jabs. Charles swung a low left and got a warning from referee Miller. They clinched.

Walcott was short with a right and they tied up again, this time Charles got a rabbit punch warning. He responded by knocking Walcott off balance with a right to the chest.

Walcott stepped back, flexed his arms, then belted a right to the head. The next time he stepped back Charles caught him with a left fush on the mouth. another left, then one to the head, shook Jersey Joe as the round ended.

ROUND FIVE:—They came out modestly once more and tied up. Walcott stepped back, did a two-step, then missed a hard right to the body, they traded lefts in a hard barrage.

That seemed like too much exercise, and both stepped back. Walcott finally came up with a left to the chin that staggered Charles, whose left eye was now slightly swollen.

Walcott threw two fast lefts to the mouth, then two more, they clinched and hugged each other, as the fight ended.

Charles backing away with a one-two to the body. Walcott threw a good right to the head as the round ended.

ROUND SIX:—Charles had a surprise right waiting for Walcott as the round started, but Jersey Joe ducked just in time, they danced a La Tango, and clinched. Charles' eye was badly puffed up now. Walcott had yet to show a scratch.

Charles tallied with a right to the ribs, but took two short punches to the head. Walcott sraightened him again, this time with a right to the head, then walked away.

Jersey Joe returned to straighten Ezzard with a left to the face and referee Miller again had to warn Charles for low punching. They moved in close and mixed it but without disastrous effect the round ended.

ROUND SEVEN:—They exchanged lfets, then embraced like long lost brothers. Charles came out with a savage left-right that threw Jersey Joe across the ring but Walcott was erect and waiting when Charles came after him. Charles in swinging a left, caught his hand on Walcott's arm and fell to the floor. There was no count, and he regained his feet in the time for a clinch.

Charles came out with a savage barrage of rights that stunned Joe Walcott. Walcott's face was pained, and he staggered back into the ropes then threw his arms around Charles Two more Charles' rights slammed into Walcott's skull, and he was hanging on. He missed a left and tried another clinch.

ROUND EIGHT:—Walcott's seconds worked furiously between rounds, and Jersey Joe came out cautiously, Walcott threw two lefts, and backed away. Charles had to throw a punch. When he did, it was a pawing left. They stood back, Charles seeking an opening, then they clinched. once again they were apart, gazing at each other. Walcott got in a short right to the face, and Charles missed a left. Charles scored with a left as the bell rang.

ROUND NINE:—Walcott threw a vicious left to the head, then two more. Joe slipped, and they tied up. Charles bounced a right off Walcott's arm. They clinched, then both stepped far back. Another clinch was followed by a strong Charles left that grazed Walcott's ear and in the next clinch Ezzard scored with an uppercut. Charles pasted his foe against the south ropes with a right, but could not pursue the advantage. There was blood under Charles' left eye.

ROUND TEN:—Charles was on the offensive as the round began. He got in a short left, but took a left in exchange. Walcott tied him up and came out throwing lefts, a few of which landed.

They contemplated each other. There was another clinch. The crowd began to boo and clap as they tied up again. A hard left and right thrown by Charles caused Walcott to back up.

Joe stopped Ezzard with a left to the face, but backed away again. Charles landed a right to the head that sent Walcott across the ring Charles was on him like a tiger but, Jersey Joe threw him back with a hard right. Walcott's mouth was bleeding at the bell.

ROUND ELEVEN:—They clinched in the center of the ring, Walcott then landed a series of rights while holding Charles head with his left, and Ref. Miller warned him.

Charles threw a left-right but did little damage. They sparred at a distance. Half a minute went by without a blow being struck and then Walcott got another rabbit punch warning from the referee. He scored in close with short punches, but took a hard right to the head.

Charles was wide with another right and they stepped away.

ROUND TWELVE — They came out circling. Charles was the aggressor, but lacked direction. He missed a left, then pushed with a right. The crowd was whistling and booing again. Jersey Joe was keeping well out of range. Charles came at him, and they clinched. Charles missed a haymaker left. They feinted in the center of the ring. A chorus of boos greeted the bell.

ROUND THIRTEEN — They tied up in the center of the ring, and Charles pushed with a right. Walcott clipped him with two lefts to the face, then walked away. Charles was short with a hard right and took a Walcott right to the face in return. Charles hit Jersey Joe with a left and a right and bored into a clinch. They feinted. The crowd was booing once more. Charles threw a looping right then took a very hard right in exchange. But Jersey Joe stepped back again. They tied up.

ROUND FOURTEEN — Charles staggered Walcott with a right to the head. Another right caught Jersey Joe on the chin and they clinched.

Ezzard bounced a short right off Walcott's noggin, then stumbled accidentally in avoiding a Walcott right.

Walcott backed against the ropes and took a right to the face. Chas. threw another right. Charles was blinking through his cut eye. They clinched again.

ROUND FIFTEEN — They shook hands to start the last round. Walcott started boring in now and they clinched. Joe swung a wild haymaker.

Charles was wild in return and they tied up again.

Charles landed a right and backed away.

Ezzard threw a left and backed off again and again they clinched. They stepped apart to exchange hard rights.

Walcott repeated with another right to the head. He took two lefts in return and threw his arms around Charles. They fought in close Charles getting the better of it as the fight ended.

ROGERS SAYS:

Why Should Two U. S. Negroes Be Fighting For the World Crown?

By J. A. ROGERS

(The views expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily express the editorial opinion of The Pittsburgh Courier—The Editors.)

THE match between Ezzard Charles and Joe Walcott set me to asking why should two Negroes be fighting for the world's greatest athletic prize (and to succeed a Negro, too) when Negroes here are only a tenth of this Nation's population and a fiftieth of the world's white one?

Why weren't two white boxers in the ring as before Jack Johnson? Or why not even one? Were there a white boxer more capable than either Negro? Charles or Walcott would have been scouted all, the two in the ring were second-rate.

It also set me to thinking about "white superiority" which has been a feature of American life for three centuries. First, Lothrop Stoddard and others was "proved" by skull measurements, color, hair, and the like.

Mr. Rogers

I RECALL WELL books of the 1900's by such writers as William Benjamin Smith, R. W. Shufeldt, Putnam Weale, Edward M. East, Lothrop Stoddard and Tom Dixon, not to mention political pole-cats as Tillman, Vardaman, Heflin, Watson, Bilbo.

Of course, the present supremacy of the Negro in the fistic world doesn't prove "racial" superiority either but that together with his prowess, especially at

ever. Next came "science" which was "proved" the Negro's hopeless "inferiority" by skull measure-

those book, "The Nation," even fixed the year the Negro would die out of American life. It happens to be 1950—next year.

ished the script that together with his prowess, especially at

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the last Olympics, will, I feel, make all but the monomaniacs in the "master race" begin to wonder whether they haven't been nourishing a delusion all along.

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THE SIMPLE TRUTH is there are no inferior or no superior peoples. America is ahead today solely because fate placed her in the midst of natural resources so great that she is able to survive waste, mismanagement, and political incompetence and selfishness.

Two sayings of Emerson come to mind when I think of the future of the Negro and of despised peoples in general. The first is, "A weed is a plant whose virtues have not been discovered." Any botanist knows that to be true now of plants.

The real social scientist knows that it is also true of human beings. So much proof of this comes to mind. Especially I think of one Negro, a very fine leather artist, whose work fetches a high price. Where did he learn this? In prison. He had to commit a crime and be locked away before society discovered his virtue.

Pittsburgh Pa.

THE SECOND SAYING from Emerson runs something like this: Once you have man, no matter what his color, race, or present condition, everything is possible. A profound truth. All peoples, no matter how high now, were once despised. Do please read some of the things said about America when she was a colony and a young nation.

White Americans can say nothing worse about Negroes than Europeans, especially Englishmen, said about white Americans then. As for Napoleon, he despised them. Once before receiving a party of English-speaking people he made sure they weren't Americans.

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The Charles-Walcott fight should give Negroes the world over a new perspective, too. So much depressing, pessimistic literature has been put out about them over the centuries—even by their friends, and I have in mind certain Negroes, too—that it's a wonder they're able to laugh at all. Still much of the evil has stuck and English-speaking Negroes, especially, show it. The result is that the majority are still weeds with virtues undiscovered.

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SAY WHAT YOU will, the greatest handicap to most Negroes today is their own estimate of themselves. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." They were gotten out of slavery but not slavery out of them. The slave master repaid their ancestors with promises of the joy that awaited them after six feet of earth had been shoveled on them. And with many the Promised Land continues to be somewhere in the sky instead of right here in America the land with still the greatest opportunities on earth.

The few who have realized this have got somewhere in spite of great handicaps.

The Negro's real need today is stimulating thoughts — thoughts that stir him to be up and doing. Too much time is spent in cheap talk, with cheap music, cheap books and in argufying over sports and what happens to him when he dies. Finally, I pass on this thought which has helped me: Whenever I think of all that white discrimination has cheated me of I start by blaming myself and other Negroes for letting the other fellow get away with it.

Charles Gains Heavyweight Title

Earns Solid Nod Over Walcott

The Examiner
Chicago Ill.
Los Angeles Calif.

By Charles Einstein

CHICAGO, June 22.—(INS)—Ezzard Charles, who four months ago dreamed no more of fighting Joe Wolcott than he did of becoming heavyweight champion of the world, did both tonight with a solid and unanimous 15-round decision over Jersey Joe in Comisky Park.

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In a strange and confusion-wracked finish, the ring announcer bellowed forth the decision of the two judges and the referee while Jake Mintz, Charles' manager, was lying on his back in the ring in a dead faint.

He had waited only to hear that his 27-year-old fighter had cinched the title before falling to the canvas.

Los Angeles Calif.

It was the only knockdown all night.

Los Angeles Calif.

A crowd of 25,932 fans saw Charles carry the fight from the fourth round on against the ever-cautious Walcott, who had tried for the heavyweight title before and lost both times to a gentleman named Joe Louis.

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LOUIS PROMOTER

Louis was one of the promoters for tonight's fight, and he saw his successor emerge as a man who is a fighter indeed.

Charles, who gave away 14 pounds to his 35-year-old foe tonight, swarmed all over Walcott when Walcott would let him, which was not too often.

For all his solemn training-camp pledges, Camden-born Jersey Joe fought the same old fight that he always fights, if fight is the word for it.

He may never do it again. Now that he has lost this finest of all opportunities—he was practically even money in the betting—there seems little place for him to go.

Charles, under the promotion of the International Boxing Club which was set up when Louis retired on March 1, now is to oppose the winner of the late-summer engagement between Lee Savold and Bruce Woodcock.

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SEVENTH DECIDES

If anything decided tonight's fight—and the vote on the officials was reasonably close—it was the seventh round. Judges Spike BcAdams and Harold Marovitz voted 78 to 72 for Charles each, and referee Davey Miller voted 77 to 73 in the same direction.

But all three had their eyes open in the seventh, just after Charles, in swinging a left, caught his glove if the crook of Walcott's arm and fell to the floor.

It was no knockdown, but it seemed to provide the Cincinnatian with the inspiration he required. He came up, stepped out of a clinch, then threw a right that could be felt all the way up in the upper left-center field stands at Comiskey Park.

Two more rights, and Walcott had fallen back against the ropes. His face was one of wide open pain and dismay. He ducked feebly and threw his arms around Charles, only to take two more rights on the top of the head. He was hanging on when the bell sounded.

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SOME DISAGREEMENT

Walcott actually is miscast as a fighter. He should be a referee. He ajudged himself the winner of the first fight with Louis, and similarly said in his dressing room after the fight with Charles tonight that he thought he'd won nine rounds of the 15.

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There was some disagreement to this theory, as the official result testified. On the international News Service score board, it was eight rounds for Charles, four for Walcott and three even.

Jersey Joe did carry the fight during the early rounds. He got in most of the punches, in between long clinches and exceptionally thorough tours of the ring during which each fighter glowered and did nothing.

But Charles, fighting with a swollen left eye that got progressively worse as the fight wore on, finally got going with the wild but spirited punches that carried him to victory in 58 of 63 matches heretofore.

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Charles 5-6 Choice Over Maxim

Courier Journal
Louisville, Ky
Mon 2-28-49

Ezzard Risks Place In Line Against Louis

Louisville, Ky

Cincinnati, Feb. 27 (AP)—Hard-hitting Ebony Ezzard Charles will risk his place as a foremost contender of the heavyweight title bout when he takes on fancy-stepping Joey Maxim here tomorrow night.

Charles has much to lose, and little to gain, in the 15-round bout with the Cleveland power-puff puncher. Maxim, on the other hand, has much to gain.

Sam and Benny Becker, the promoters, have offered Joe Louis $400,000 to meet the winner here next summer.

Charles

A crowd of 15,000 is expected to pay some $70,000 to see the bout.

Because of Maxim's cleverness and sturdiness, the odds tonight are 6 to 5, with Ez the favorite.

From that point on, however, the scales tilt sharply when it comes to the matter of risk involved.

Maxim has been considered only casually as an opponent for Louis. The boys who make the matches think a puncher-boxer is the ideal foe of the veteran champion.

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So far as the champ is concerned, he isn't talking. He returned to Miami, Fla., last night from a trip to Jamaica and his manager, Miles Marshall, said nothing had changed recently regarding a title match.

"Joe still has no definite idea when or where he will fight for the title," Marshall declared.

Louis has received other fancy offers but none approaches that made here. Philadelphia wants a championship bout with a $300,000 guarantee attached and Chicago has offered the champ $250,000 for a title bout.

Charles, a Cincinnati boy who has KO'd 19 of 30 opponents and lost to only one since leaving the service in 1945, is expected to weigh in at 178 or 179, a pound or two lighter than Maxim.

Maxim, making his first ring appearance in the year, lost only once in 14 outings in 1948.

Louis Fights Strauss for Ez Charles

Washington Post
Washington D.C.

By Murray Rose

New York, March 3 (AP).—A court battle loomed today over the services of Ezzard Charles, Negro contender from Cincinnati, and a key figure in the muddled heavyweight situation.

Fri 3-4-49

The Twentieth Century Sporting Club claimed it had an exclusive contract for Charles' services for one year. The newly formed International Boxing Club, in which Joe Louis holds a one-third share, asserted Tuesday it held a monopoly on Charles.

Harry Mendel, assistant to Louis in the IBC, said the IBC has documents signed by Charles, and three co-managers of the Cincinnati contender, Jake Mintz, George Rhein and Dave Elkus.

Sol Strauss, top Twentieth Century official said the Twentieth has a contract with the names of Charles and George Rhein on it with a notation appended "approved by Jake Mintz." It was explained that Mintz was not the recognized manager of Charles in this State but a "spokesman."

Markson Hedges

Asked whether Charles had actually signed the contract himself, Harry Markson of Twentieth Century said that all he could say now was that he has a legal paper with Charles' name on it.

Mendel asserted that Char[les]' name may be on a Twentieth Century contract but he said it w[as] not signed by Charles.

'We have a contract with Charl[es] signed in our presence and befor[e] attorneys," Mendel added. "Th[e] Twentieth Century does not hav[e] Charles' own name on it."

Asked whether he would sue to uphold his claims on Charles' services, Markson said "we'll cross that bridge when we come to it."

Markson declared that he received signed papers from Charles' group just before the Joe Baksi-Charles fight in Madison Square Garden last December 10.

"We gave Charles permission to fight against Johnny Haynes in Philadelphia and Joey Maxim in Cincinnati," he said.

Mintz "Explains"

In Pittsburgh, Jake Mintz, Ezzard Charles' manager, said today the contract the Twentieth Century Sporting Club claims to have with Charles is not valid because the fighter never signed it.

"Strauss knows full well the contract is no good," Mintz declared. "I don't believe he would even dare to enforce it. Whatever he has isn't worth the paper it is written on.

"If they try to enforce the contract or embarrass us in any other way, we'll sue them for damages."

The time-honored device was signing Leroy Willis, State lightweight champion, to meet Harold (Baby Face) Jones for the fourth time in a 10-round supporting scrap to the Jake Lamotta-O'Neil Bell windup.

Charles

Charles, who already has signed to fight Jersey Joe Walcott for Joe Louis' and the National Boxing Association's version of the heavyweight crown in Chicago, will be making his Detroit debut.

The Cincinnati star is to go four rounds with Charley Banks, an unknown from Philadelphia.

Willis and Jones have fought three times in the last 18 months. Willis lost the first one after suffering a cut eye which caused the bout to be halted.

The second meeting was a victory for Willis and their last get-together ended in a draw.

Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky

Lesnevich Next Foe For Charles

Wed 7-6-49

From Wire Dispatches.

Ezzard Charles was matched yesterday for a 15-round defense of his recently won heavyweight title against Gus Lesnevich at Yankee Stadium August 10—the quickest first defense in heavyweight history.

The fight will be the first staged by the new International Boxing Club of New York—a combination of the Madison Square Garden Corporation and

Ezzard Charles

BUT WILLIS IS BACK AS USUAL

Ezzard Charles to Make Detroit Debut at Olympia

Detroit Free Press
Detroit Times

Nick Londes, Olympia boxing promoter, added something new and something old to his April 18 fight card.

The innovation was the signing of Ezzard Charles, aspirant to the vacant heavyweight title, for a four-round exhibition.

midwestern boxing interests.

Charles, Cincinnati Negro, and Lesnevich of Cliffside, N. J.—former world light heavyweight champion—will receive 25 per cent each of total receipts from the net gate, radio, television, and movies.

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Jake Mintz, Charles' manager, explained that Ezzard was making his speedy defense of the National Boxing Association's crown in order to help get recognition as champion from the New York State Boxing Commission.

Charles

Only the N.B.A. recognized the slender Cincinnati Negro as world heavyweight champion when he defeated ancient Jersey Joe Walcott at Chicago June 22 for the crown left vacant by Joe Louis' retirement.

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The New York Commission preferred to wait for a meeting between Charles and the winner of a bout between Bruce Woodcock of England and Lee Savold of Paterson, N. J., at London September 6.

No. 1—Walcott's handlers coach the fighter during a round.

No. 2—Joe uses grease on body.

No. 3—Holds ropes with one hand and hits with other.

No. 4—Flicks with the open gloves.

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The commission said it would take the protest under consideration, that the rules here will be enforced.

Bocchicchio Laughs

Felix Bocchicchio, Walcott's manager, laughed at Mintz' charges.

"Mintz will coach during the round, as well as we will, if he can get away with it," Bocchicchio said. "The same holds true in the other charges, except that Walcott doesn't flick with open gloves and doesn't hold the rope with one hand and hit with the other. Mintz must have had a bad dream. Either that or he's just talking for publicity purposes."

Charles and Walcott worked out Saturday and Sunday, laid off yesterday, and will take another vacation tomorrow. Both fighters are scheduled to resume sparring today, Ezzard at Sunset Hills Golf and Country club and Walcott at Peaceful Valley Country club.

Wolcott Reads Papers

When Wolcott started workouts in Momence May 27, he read newspaper accounts of the impending match religiously but, from now on, his reading will be limited to letters from his wife and six children.

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Bocchicchio said Walcott will not do any more newspaper reading until after the encounter. He also said newspaper interviews will be barred starting Sunday.

"Those interviews will be out because they have a tendency to upset my fighter," Felix said. "At least they worked that way when Joe was training for his bouts with Louis. Of course, Charles is no Louis, but it's still a title bout, between the best light heavyweight (Charles) and the best heavyweight (Walcott)."

Truman Gibson, official of the International Boxing club, which is sponsoring the fight, got so many requests for tickets he delivered 150 to each of the camps

EZZARD'S MEN COMPLAIN ABOUT WALCOTT TRICKS

Daily Tribune
Chicago, Ill

BY FRANK MASTRO

Jake Mintz, one of Ezzard Charles' multitude of managers, yesterday asked the Illinois Athletic commission to enforce the rules and prevent Jersey Joe Walcott from violating them in their 15 round heavyweight title bout in Comiskey park, June 22.

Mintz accused Walcott of violating four rules in his two losing title fights with Joe Louis. The charges:

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Joe Louis set a precedent by beco[ming] on June 22 . . .

There wasn't much to the fight ex[cept] that two Negroes for the fourth time . . . Louis, Jersey Joe Walcott vs. Louis where the likes of the late Tex twice, and Jack Johnson vs. Battling Rickard and the ailing and ancient Jim Johnson) were battling for the Michael Strauss Jacobs were kings, championship, and a third Negro, Joe This angle will survive the actual Louis, was promoter of the fight. fight, since most of the people who

The International Boxing club, who claims Charles, who claims sponsors, announced yes- Cincinnati, Ohio, as terday that there would be no tel- his home address, evision in Chicago of the bout. Plans are being considered to televise the fight outside the Chicago area.

ooking young man of 27, is the new heavyweight cham- ion of the world. 36 or 46, take your pick, at Chicago Lou

saw it yawned, booed or ate peanuts through many of the unexciting rounds.

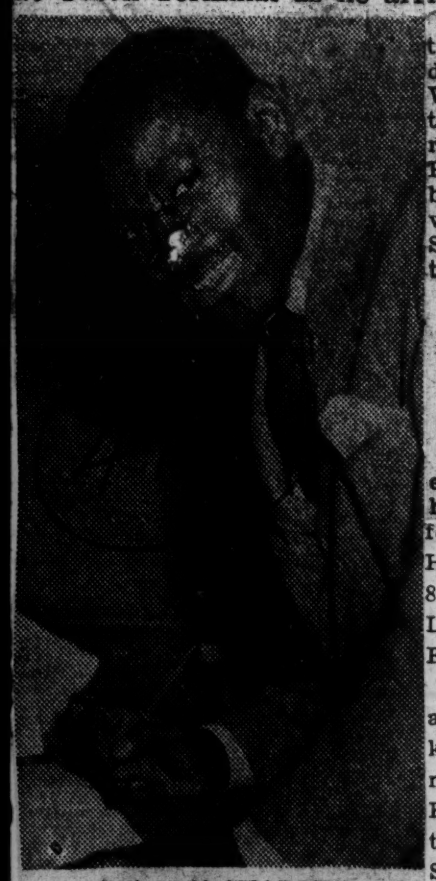
Although New York, Pennsylvania and Great Britain won't recognize Charles right away, the 61 states and territories belonging to the Nat'l Boxing Ass'n automatically have accepted Charles as the new champ.

We salute Joe Louis, whose column appears exclusively in your New Age, in his initial promotion of a heavyweight title fight and hope he'll be around to promote many others. We salute the new champion, Charles, and hope he won't find the crown vacated by Louis too small for his head.

Cincy Hails Ezz Charles

By ALBERT DUNMORE
(Courier Staff Correspondent)

CINCINNATI, Ohio—This town turned out Sunday to welcome its conquering hero, Ezzard Charles, first Cincinnatian to win the world's heavyweight crown. He was met at Union Terminal as he arrived from Chicago.



EZZARD CHARLES
. . . ready for vacation

Thousands were on hand to cheer the handsome, modest lad who had defeated Jersey Joe Walcott last Wednesday night to ascend the throne vacated by Joe Louis. Ezz remained in Chicago to receive the Police Gazette's plush belt, emblematic of the world's heavyweight crown, but returned here Sunday to his family and friends, the folks who knew him when.

Mayor Albert Cash headed the official committee and presented Ezz with the keys to the city at a presentation at the court house plaza that preceded a gala parade from the terminal.

Ezzard was most pleased, however, to greet three women who had not seen him since he departed for training camp six weeks ago. His mother, Mrs. Alberta Ross; his 89-year-old great grandmother of Lawrenceville, Ga., and Mrs. Maude Foster, 64, his grandmother.

The committee in charge of the affair was headed by such well known Cincinnatians as Councilman Jesse Locker, Atty. Theodore Berry, Edward (Babe) Baker, Walter Hueston, Sheriff Dan Tehan, Simms Thompson, Chief of Police, Lincoln Heights, and the Rev. Mr. Bankhead of Calvary Methodist Church, of which Charles is a member.

Also prominent on the committee was Mrs. Lulu Belle Ferguson, owner of the Cotton Club, with whom Charles name has been romantically linked.

Charles announced that he will spend three weeks of leisure here in Cincinnati before he announces any future plans.

Charles' Georgia Friends Celebrate

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga.—Practically every one of Lawrenceville's three thousand residents joined in the celebration last Wednesday night after Ezzard Charles copped the NBA version of the world's heavyweight championship.

Crowds gathered downtown for the fight broadcast. After the decision was announced in favor of the 27-year-old Lawrenceville fighter, the population staged a big celebration.

Citizens recalled that some sixteen years ago, Charles, as a delivery boy, boxed for nickels and dimes in a neighbor's backyard. Charles moved to Cincinnati when he was about 12 years old, but residents remember him well. Everybody, from Publisher M. A. Allison of The Lawrenceville News-Herald to menial workers about town, had something nice to recall about the new champ.

Dr. W. P. Ezzard, white, who brought Charles into the world twenty-seven years ago, and for whom the champ was named, was among the most enthusiastic listeners to the broadcast and joined in the celebration that followed.

Miller Nea, who works in the town barber shop, recalled Charles as a good scrapper at the age of 10. He said he looked like he might become a fighter seventeen years ago.

Georgians were gloating over the fact that Charles was the third boxer to hold a world's boxing championship. Other champs included Tiger Flowers, born in Camilla, the middleweight fighter from 1926, and Beau Jack of Augusta, who won the lightweight crown in 1942.

New Heavyweight Champ Accused of Being Ingrate in Story Told Cincinnati Sports Columnist

Reprinted from column by JOE ASTON, sports editor of the Cincinnati Post.

CINCINNATI — Perhaps you'd like to hear Bert Williams tell about how he discovered Ezzard Charles. This seems like a good time to let Bert tell it, because Ezzard recently became the heavyweight champion by beating Jersey Joe Walcott.

It isn't a happy story and we can't vouch for its complete accuracy. But Bert says every word of it is the gospel truth . . . just as it really happened.

You know who Bert is, of course. He's been around town for quite a few years now. Anyone who's ever gone to a local boxing show has seen him in somebody's corner at some time or another. Right now he's employed at Cincinnati Garden.

He's a little guy and he talks with the accent of his native Wales. In World War I he served in submarines, with the grounds troops and in the air. He was shot up pretty badly on one occasion. His wife, Margaret, was a nurse in the same war.

But let's get on with Bert's story . . . Here it is, just as he told it.

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"I saw Ezzard for the first time during the summer of 1936. I was training four amateurs at Fred Batche's gym on Pleasant Street. One of the four was Gene Howell. Gene was Ezzard's friend.

"Ezzard wanted to fight. He reported to Danny Davis gym on Central Aveune, but Danny ran him out of the place. When that happened Gene brought him to see me and I took him in and started working with him.

"He was 15 years old at the time. He weighed only 132 pounds. He was undernourished and not in very good physical condition. He attended Stowe School and lived with a grandmother and two uncles in two small rooms in the West End.

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"Next year he won the local Golden Gloves middleweight title and went through the semi-finals of the National Tournament at Chicago.

"When it came time for him to return to Chicago for the finals, The Post refused to pay all the expenses of the trip. That's where Al Bechtold of the Boxing Commission, came into the picture. He gave us money and we went to Chicago and won the national title.

"Later Al helped us get to the National AAU Tournament on the west coast. Ezzard won out there, too. From that time on he began to climb. But in the meantime I lost my job with the Recreation Commission for taking too much time off.

"Ezzard turned pro in 1940 and began to win regularly. It was then that Max Elkus began pressing me to let him buy half of Ezzard's contract for $100.

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Although New York, Pennsylvania and Great Britain, won't recognize Charles right away, the 61 states and territories belonging to the Nat'l Boxing Ass'n automatically have accepted Charles as the new champ.

We salute Joe Louis, whose column appears exclusively in your New Age, in his initial promotion of a heavyweight title fight and hope he'll be around to promote many others. We salute the new champion, Charles, and hope he won't find the crown vacated by Louis too small for his head.

Cincy Hails Ezz Charles

By ALBERT DUNMORE
(Courier Staff Correspondent)

CINCINNATI, Ohio—This town turned out Sunday to welcome its conquering hero, Ezzard Charles, first Cincinnatian to win the world's heavyweight crown. He was met at Union Terminal as he arrived from Chicago.

EZZARD CHARLES
... ready for vacation

Thousands were on hand to cheer the handsome, modest lad who had defeated Jersey Joe Walcott last Wednesday night to ascend the throne vacated by Joe Louis. Ezz remained in Chicago to receive the Police Gazette's plush belt, emblematic of the world's heavyweight crown, but returned here Sunday to his family and friends, the folks who knew him when.

Mayor Albert Cash headed the official committee and presented Ezz with the keys to the city at a presentation at the court house plaza that preceded a gala parade from the terminal.

Ezzard was most pleased, however, to greet three women who had not seen him since he departed for training camp six weeks ago. His mother, Mrs. Alberta Ross; his 89-year-old great grandmother of Lawrenceville, Ga., and Mrs. Maude Foster, 64, his grandmother.

The committee in charge of the affair was headed by such well known Cincinnatians as Councilman Jesse Locker, Atty. Theodore Berry, Edward (Babe) Baker, Walter Hueston, Sheriff Dan Tehan, Simms Thompson, Chief of Police, Lincoln Heights, and the Rev. Mr. Bankhead of Calvary Methodist Church, of which Charles is a member.

Also prominent on the committee was Mrs. Lulu Belle Ferguson, owner of the Cotton Club, with whom Charles name has been romantically linked.

Charles announced that he will spend three weeks of leisure here in Cincinnati before he announces any future plans.

Charles' Georgia Friends Celebrate

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. — Practically every one of Lawrenceville's three thousand residents joined in the celebration last Wednesday night after Ezzard Charles copped the NBA version of the world's heavyweight championship.

Crowds gathered downtown for the fight broadcast. After the decision was announced in favor of the 27-year-old Lawrenceville fighter, the population staged a big celebration.

Citizens recalled that some sixteen years ago, Charles, as a delivery boy, boxed for nickels and dimes in a neighbor's backyard. Charles moved to Cincinnati when he was about 12 years old, but residents remember him well. Everybody, from Publisher M. A. Allison of The Lawrenceville News-Herald to menial workers about town, had something nice to recall about the new champ.

Dr. W. P. Ezzard, white, who brought Charles into the world twenty-seven years ago, and for whom the champ was named, was among the most enthusiastic listeners to the broadcast and joined in the celebration that followed.

Miller Nea, who works in the town barber shop, recalled Charles as a good scrapper at the age of 10. He said he looked like he might become a fighter seventeen years ago.

Georgians were gloating over the fact that Charles was the third boxer to hold a world's boxing championship. Other champs included Tiger Flowers, born in Camilla, the middleweight fighter from 1926, and Beau Jack of Augusta, who won the lightweight crown in 1942.

New Heavyweight Champ Accused of Being Ingrate in Story Told Cincinnati Sports Columnist

Reprinted from column by JOE ASTON, sports editor of the Cincinnati Post.

CINCINNATI — Perhaps you'd like to hear Bert Williams tell about how he discovered Ezzard Charles. This seems like a good time to let Bert tell it, because Ezzard recently became the heavyweight champion by beating Jersey Joe Walcott.

It isn't a happy story and we can't vouch for its complete accuracy. But Bert says every word of it is the gospel truth . . . just as it really happened.

You know who Bert is, of course. He's been around town for quite a few years now. Anyone who's ever gone to a local boxing show has seen him in somebody's corner at some time or another. Right now he's employed at Cincinnati Garden.

He's a little guy and he talks with the accent of his native Wales. In World War I he served in submarines, with the grounds troops and in the air. He was shot up pretty badly on one occasion. His wife, Margaret, was a nurse in the same war.

But let's get on with Bert's story . . . Here it is, just as he told it.

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NEW CHAMPION IN FLUSH OF VICTORY

Ezzard Charles receives plaudits as the new champion in the ring after winning heavyweight title Wednesday night in Comiskey park. Charles, a native of Cincinnati, gained the decision in 15 round bout with Jersey Joe Walcott of Camden, N. J.

(TRIBUNE Photo)

MEMORY DEPT.—The Ezzard Charles-Joe Walcott fight for the heavyweight title has been roasted, and somewhat properly, as a horrible exhibition by two guys who were supposed to stir up some action. Walcott was forever eliminated from the title picture, and Charles came into recognition as something of a cheese champ.

It was, indeed, unbecoming a title fight, after the throne has been occupied by such knock-'em-dead figures as Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis. But it wasn't the worst title fight in the heavyweight division, and the fact is that both Dempsey and Louis figured in even tamer battles.

Louis' last defense of his title against Walcott, for sheer inaction, was even worse than the Charles-Walcott thing until Joe saved the show with his eleventh-round knockout. And to that point it was the most-booed fight in heavyweight history. Twelve years before, in Philadelphia, when Dempsey lost his title to Tunney, there was nothing resembling a knockdown, nobody was bloody, nobody got hurt, and nobody fought much. Tunney became champion on a 10-round decision, you remember.

Wins Unanimous Decision Over Joe Walcott

New Champion Scores With Solid "Rights" In Seventh Round

BY CHARLES EINSTEIN
I. N. S. Sports Writer

COMISKEY PARK, Chicago — (INS) — Ezzard Charles, who four months ago dreamed no more of fighting Joe Walcott than he did of becoming heavy weight champion of the world, did both Wednesday night with a solid unanimous 15-round decision over Jersey Joe in Comiskey Park in Chicago.

In a strange and confusion-wracked finish, the ring announcer bellowed forth the decision of the two judges and the referee while Jake Mintz, Charles' manager, was lying on his back in the ring in a dead faint. He had waited only to hear that his 27-year-old fighter had cinched the title before falling to the canvas. It was the only knockdown all night.

A crowd of about 30,000 fans saw Charles carry the fight from the fourth round on against the ever-cautious Walcott, who had tried for the heavyweight title twice before and lost both times to a gentleman named Joe Louis.

Louis was one of the promoters for tonight's fight, and he saw his successor emerge as a man who is a fighter indeed. Charles, who gave away 14 pounds to his 35-year-old foe tonight, swarmed all over Walcott when Walcott would let him, which was not too often.

CHARLES STAGGERS WALCOTT IN 7TH

If anything decided tonight's fight — and the vote of the officials was reasonably close — it was the seventh round. Judges Spike McAdams and Harold Marovitz voted 78 to 72 for Charles each, and Referee Davey Miller voted 77 to 73 in the same direction. But all three had their eyes open in the seventh, just after Charles, in swinging a left, caught his glove in the crook of Walcott's arm and fell to the floor.

It was no knockdown, but it seemed to provide the Cincinnatian with the inspiration he required. He came up, stepped out of a clinch, then threw a right that could be felt all the way up in the upper left-center field stands at Comiskey Park, where a good number of the spectators unaccountably found themselves sitting.

Two more rights, and Walcott had fallen back against the ropes, his face was one of wide open pain and dismay. He ducked feebly and threw his arms around Charles, only to take two more rights on the top of the head. He was hanging on when the bell sounded.

For all his solemn training-camp pledges, Camden-born Jersey Joe fought the same old fight that he always fight, if fight is the word for it. He may never do it again. Now that he has lost this finest of all opportunities — he was practically even money in the betting — there seems little place for him to go.

CHARLES AWAITS WINNER SAVOLD-WOODCOCK FIGHT

Charles, under the promotion of the International Boxing Club which was set up when Louis retired on March 1, now is to oppose the winner of the late-summer engagement between Lee Savold and Bruce Woodcock.

Great Britain, as a matter of fact, will recognize the winner of that fight as the rightful heavyweight champion of the world, but Charles doesn't mind. He has the sanction of the powerful National Boxing Association, and that is okay, especially for a guy who was great as a light heavyweight but never even considered the heavyweight title until it became known that Louis was going to retire.

BATTLE FOR LOUIS' TITLE IN SOX PARK

15 Round Duel Starts at 9:30

Fight Facts

Event—World heavyweight championship, approved by the National Boxing association.

Contestants—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, and Joe Walcott, Camden, N. J.

Length of bout—15 rounds.

Time—9:30 p. m., Chicago daylight time; preliminaries start at 8:30 p. m.

Place—Comiskey park, 35th st. and Shields av.

Promoter—International Boxing club.

Purses—Charles and Walcott each will receive 25 per cent of net receipts and television.

Television—No Chicago outlet.

Radio—WENR (ABC), 9:30 p. m.

Officials—Referee and two judges appointed by Illinois Boxing commission.

Weigh-in—Noon today in Chicago Stadium, 1800 W. Madison st.

Weight of gloves—Six ounces; Illinois commission also has waived the eight second rule on knockdowns for title match.

Estimated attendance—30,000.

Estimated receipts—$250,000.

BY WILFRID SMITH

The heavyweight championship of the world formally passes tonight in Comiskey park from Joe Louis, the Brown Bomber of pugilism's brilliant chapter, to Ezzard Charles of Cincinnati or Joe Walcott of Camden, N. J. The 15 round test, approved by the National Boxing association, is scheduled for 9:30 p. m., an hour after the opening bout.

Exactly 12 years ago, Louis, who then had not finished his second year as a professional, knocked out Jim Braddock in Comiskey park to gain the title. It is fitting that Louis' heavyweight reign should be concluded in Chicago, where it began. It is satisfying that Louis, one of the greatest fighters of all time, has retired undefeated and that as director of boxing for the International Boxing club, tonight's promotional agency, he will continue in the sport he raised to high standard by exemplary conduct.

No Ticket Stampede

Nostalgic memories of Louis' career, however, have had slight affect on tonight's ticket sale, save for a few who wish to see the Bomber preside at his abdication. It has been difficult to predict how many will watch Charles and Walcott as the crowd, so proverbially generous by late sale of seats. Weather is another factor and, incidentally, the title bout will be postponed until tomorrow if rain prevents tonight's show.

Most critics predict 30,000 as the likely attendance. Late sale of $3.25 $250,000. Highest price is $22.75, 000 within the year, even without title incentive, and now 35, probably will retire a tidy sum in if he loses to Charles. He has $27.50 ringside seats when Louis is defending his title.

Loser May Be Thru

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tonight, conceivably may get another opportunity, but he actually belongs in the light heavyweight division and he may not be given the consideration he now has from the retiring champion.

Charles' advantages are youth and a sharp right hand which has knocked out 30 of his 53 professional opponents. Walcott's bid is based on superior weight, experience, and keen ring intelligence. When he went 15 rounds with Louis in December, 1947, and fought creditably in the return match, we agreed never to discount his skill. Twelve months may have changed the picture; definitely he must carry on at a fast pace to ou point Charles.

We suspect Charles may have over-trained. At least he was not as sharp in his work Sunday before a capacity crowd as he was a week earlier. That, we also believe, explains why he did not box for four days, which sent his weight to 186 1/2 pounds at the examinations last Friday in Kankakee. 6-23-49

Weigh In At Noon

The fighters will report at noon today in Chicago Stadium for examinations and to be weighed. Jake Mintz, Charles' manager, told us Charles will weigh 178 pounds. He told others, however Charles would weigh 180. Mintz has told no one when he expects to bring Charles to Chicago, intimating nocturnal prowlers have forced Charles to hide from his public. The curfew went on after the final drill Monday.

The session in the Stadium will be brief. Joe Triner, chairman of the Illinois commission, and his associates instructed the principals, their handlers, and their managers last week. Six ounce gloves will be worn. They have been fitted and sealed until fight time. The Illinois rule of an arbitrary eight count after knockdowns has been waived for the championship scrap.

Dan Florio has rejoined the Walcott camp to help Joey Allen and Dick O'Connor in Jersey's corner. George Nicholson, Jimmy Brown, and Henry Lutz will work for Charles. The referee, of course, has complete control of the bout but in event of a serious cut, consultation of the physicians between rounds is required before termination of the match.

New York Stubborn

While the state of New York is not a member of the N.B.A. and is not likely to recognize tonight's winner as world champion in the immediate future, dearth of talent, plus Louis' designation of contenders, leaves slight reason for argument. 6-22-49

The fight will be televised except in the Chicago area.

HOW THEY COMPARE

CHARLES		WALCOTT
27 Yrs.	Age	35 Yrs.
6 Ft.	Height	6 Ft.
178 Lbs.	Weight	195 Lbs.
74 In.	Reach	74 In.
39 In.	Chest (Normal)	40 In.
42 In.	Chest (Expanded)	43 In.
33 In.	Waist	35 In.
15½ In.	Biceps	16 In.
16½ In.	Neck	17 In.
7 In.	Wrist	7¾ In.
13 In.	Calf	14 In.
8½ In.	Ankle	9¾ In.
20 In.	Thigh	21 In.
12 In.	Fist	12 In.
12 In.	Forearm	13 In.

WALCOTT BATTERS 2 SPARRING PARTNERS IN TRAINING BOUT

Daily Tribune Chicago Ill Mon. 6-6-49

Jersey Joe Walcott turned in his most vicious performance of his training camp period yesterday at Peaceful Valley Country club when he flattened two sparring mates with a barrage of lefts and rights.

Five hundred spectators were on hand to see Walcott box six rounds, bringing his total to 77 practice rounds in preparation for his heavyweight championship bout with Ezzard Charles in Comiskey park on June 22. 6-6-49

Walcott knocked down Richard Hagan, Chicago heavyweight, in the second round and in the next round he sent Johnny Wilson sprawling to the canvas.

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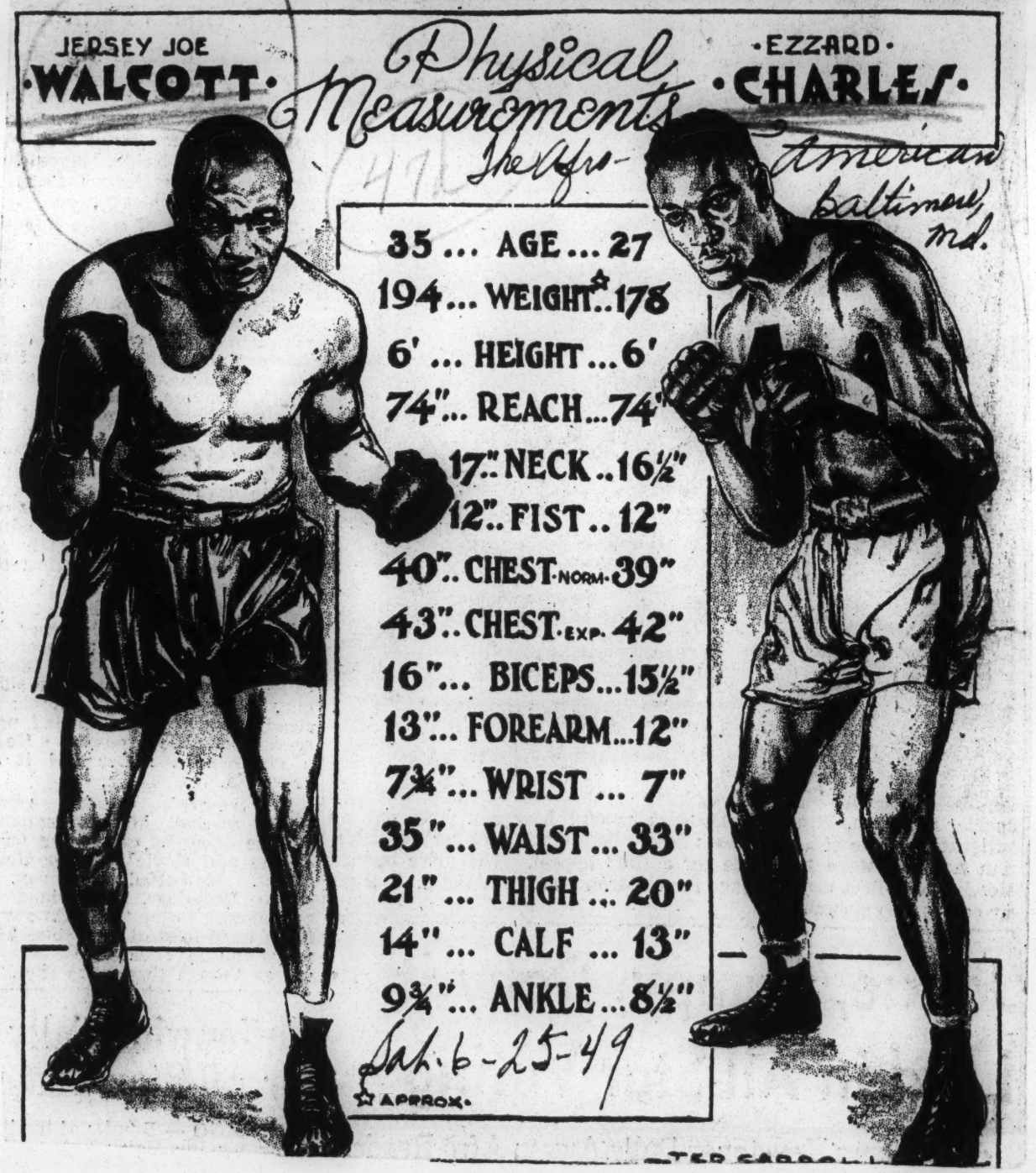

Congratulations, Ezzard Charles

Memphis World

We are proud that Georgia shares in the spotlight of Ezzard Charles' acclaim as the new heavyweight champion of the world. The new National Boxing Association titlist was born in Lawrenceville, Ga. July 7, 1921 and like Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn of Mark Twain lore gambled and meandered in the red-clay hills of this state. It is fact and not fiction that Charles' departed for Cincinnati, Ohio at an early age although there is conflict in the approximate year some saying 9 and others agreeing upon 11.

Charles rags-to-riches success is stirring. It is the Horatio Alger saga of fame and fortune on the highways of life when the unkinder fate may have been ones lot around familiar scenes and personalities.

Memphis Tenn

It is our wish that Georgia could have made a more concrete contribution to Ezzard Charles' life and that we had stronger ties with his success. Likewise, we would like to separate on the pages of time the KKK imperialism, the unprosecuted lynchings, and prejudices and discriminations which have limited us from producing more Charles.

Yet, Charles in a sense, is the real spirit of Georgia. He symbolizes what this state can achieve under hospitable, progressive and fairminded surroundings. He is the spirit of opportunities unlimited and the making of the most of them.

Ezzard Charles will give the youth of Georgia hope. They will abound in his success and profit by his achievement. They will work for a better Georgia which will be more tolerant and democratic.

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We congratulate youthful champion for becoming the third member of his race to win honor and esteem with his flailing fists. He joins Tiger Flowers and Beau Jack among Georgia's fighting immortals.

May you hold the championship for many years to come and we'll always be pulling for you. We insist that Charles, like Joe Louis has won a special niche in our hearts. We are everlastingly proud of you.

Youth, Brains Win For Good 'Little' Boxer

Daily Tribune

Chicago Ill.

BY DOC YOUNG

Ezzard Charles employed brains as his major weapon on Wednesday night to beat out Jersey Joe Walcott in a heavyweight championship fight at Comiskey Park.

While he used hard rights on three occasions to jolt the old man who was making his third try for the biggest bauble in all Fistiana, in the final analysis, brains must be credited as the "item" which led 27-year-old Double-Z down Soak Bustin' Lane and on into the halls that Joltin' Joe Louis owned for almost 12 years.

The Cincinnati Clouter went into the ring weighing 181 3/4, spotting Walcott 13 3/4 pounds. He went in there with the knowledge that the Jersey man carried a lethal weapon in his overhand right. Ezz knew that Walcott had used this right to knock down Louis on three occasions. He knew, too, that Walcott was a good counter puncher, dangerous when allowed to go into his one-two-three-kick, shift-and-shuffle motion.

Charles figured out answers for all of these problems and went on to win, as predicted by this writer five weeks ago!

6-12-49

When fighters win on brains, chances are better than 6 to 5 that the bout will lack great excitement. It was that way in the Charles-Walcott go. In the late rounds, fans are pleading for action—some bellowed and others clapped hands as if trying to inspire a "seventh-inning rally." But, Ezz remained calm—continued to fight according to plan. And, that's what won for him.

The winner's best round was the seventh. He started out by jarring Walcott with a solid "left, right, one-two.' Moments later, he half-slid, was half-thrown to the canvas. Then, he came in with a stiff right and hard left to Walcott's head which was, possibly, the best offensive display of the night.

On the inside, Charles landed a short series and Walcott followed by missing with a wild right. Ezz then chopped down on Walcott with another right-left series and Walcott, looking fit for the kill, missed again with a right which started back home in Camden, N. J., and tornadoed into a follow-through which momentarily air-conditioned the park.

It was here that Charles, had he been saturated with but one idea, would have gone in swinging everything in his repertoire of punches. But, he didn't!

The eighth was relatively slow—a six-to-four stanza for Charles.

Respected Right

When asked why he didn't wade in after the successful seventh, Charles told writers, "I didn't chase him because he hits too hard with that right hand."

"I've got a smart champion," Jake Mintz, Charles' manager, said, hearing this answer. "He knows what to do in the ring!"

It was evident from the first gong that Charles, who hurt his left hand at a time he couldn't remember, had blue-printed his fight for thinking and caution. Too, he was "on" to Walcott's famous move—the move that caught Louis unawares and led to his near defeat in their December 5, 1947, meeting.

When Walcott pulled the "slide," Charles slid over with him. He "eyed" Walcott's every move and made one to correspond with it. Consequently, Walcott had no chance to spring that overhand right counter in his usual sneaky way. Once, in the ninth, when Walcott did attempt a reasonable facsimile of the move, Charles' left beat the right going into the body!

7-2-49

Bout Tame

The bout was relatively tame. In addition to the left which Charles injured on the offensive, he suffered slight cuts above and below the left eye. Walcott's mouth was cut in the tenth and from then on he was spitting and swallowing claret. Charles' cuts oozed no blood. But his "red-tinted black hair" and regrowth of mustache were mussed more than somewhat.

Next in importance to the brains which birthed the necessary caution, Charles had youth. This counted heavily: Walcott, who had made a convincing display of being in his "second childhood," began to show signs of age in the fifth round. Sweat began to make an exit from his pores and his legs began to lose their dancing inclinations.

In later rounds, age came in and claimed Walcott for what he is: a 35-year-old fighter! He flexed his arms up and down—a sure sign that he was going the way of all flesh when Ol' Father Time puts in his call.

Charles Never Hurt

Charles, who was prepared for a hard fight and who felt a few of Walcott's heavy shots, intermittently was, in his words, "never hurt."

"I never felt shook up," he told reporters. "But," he added, "Walcott punched nice with his right hand."

Thus, young Double-Z succeeded to the throne which Louis abdicated several months ago. He won the title on the same spot where Louis won the crown from Jimmy Braddock.

TITLE THOUGHTS SCARE CHARLES AND WALCOTT

Daily Tribune

Chicago Ill.

BY WILFRID SMITH

Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott, earnest and methodical candidates for the heavyweight championship which belonged to Joe Louis for 12 years, have 11 more days in which to prepare for their 15 round engagement in Comiskey park. Physically the contenders will make superior marks. They are ready now for the title fracas. We doubt either is conditioned mentally to succeed to pugilism's heavyweight throne.

Sun 6-12-49

This assertion is not intended to disparage the mentality of Charles or Jersey Joe. The men are sharp. But we have in this fight a situation which has no counterpart in boxing and neither Charles, who is probably the best light heavyweight in the world, nor Walcott, who is the luckiest heavyweight, can do less than pay homage henceforth to the Brown Bomber who tabbed them to battle for his crown. Louis' recognition is money in the bank and his judgment has been backed by the authority of the National Boxing association.

Walcott More Astounded

Charles and Walcott are under the gun of Louis' surprising retirement and 11 days or 11 months from now, each still will wonder how he got to Comiskey park. Jersey Joe, the 35 year old Arnold Raymond Cream, father of six who four times quit professional boxing, must be the more astounded.

"When Louis told me just to hold still and wait for good news," so Felix Bocchicchio, Walcott's manager, relates, "I couldn't believe it." Felix referred to Louis' promise that he would retire and that Walcott would get a shot at the championship.

"Joe, I said to him," Bocchicchio continued, "if this isn't true I'm goin' to chase some one right down an alley. But Joe says again it's on the up and up and by gosh it was."

6-12-49

Psychiatrist Needed

Now if Felix, who is as smart as they come in this racket, couldn't believe Louis, just where does Walcott get off? You can surmise, as we are, that Walcott still questions Santa Claus. Walcott thought he whipped Louis in 15 rounds 18 months ago. He knows he was knocked out by Louis 12 months ago. Yet, here he is fighting Ezzard Charles for the title.

Walcott has had 132 fights, he weighs 195 pounds, and he's 6 feet tall. The man is clever, serious, and punches well enough to knock down Joe Louis. But if his selection as contender for the world title plus his experiences in the Kankakee corn belt have not addled him a bit, then we need a psychiatrist.

Walcott paces himself well. He batters his trial mates regularly and without undue punishment to himself. Any fight camp is lonesome and this is Number One barring perhaps the pine woods in which Max Baer hibernated five miles from Speculator, N. Y. to brood over the 1936 assignment with Louis. The salvation for Walcott is the unbelievable thought he may succeed to Louis' throne.

Charles Hits Hard

Then, we have Charles, this 27 year old fighter, who caught the headlines before graduation from high school. He has every physical qualification for his assignment in Comiskey park. The man hits hard. Need we mention he has punched so hard that it cost a life. That's physical. Mentally Charles also is confused for here he is, a perfectly built lightheavy, seeking Louis' championship because heavyweights make money and Jake Mintz, his manager, knew how to get the opportunity to make it.

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Charles has had 53 fights as a professional. He has knocked out 30 men. He has lost only four fights and whipped one of his con-

CHARLES DOONS FOE

CROWN CALMLY; PRAISES FOE

(Reprinted from Thursday's late editions.)

BY ROBERT CROMIE

Ezzard Charles, new heavyweight champion of the world, took his victory with typical composure last night, and after moving out his broom closet size dressing room to the more commodious Bards room answered questions and sat thru a barrage of flash bulbs as he soaked his bruised

left hand in a bucket of water.

Asked the question that had puzzled all ringside observers—why he failed to follow his seventh round advantage, in which he clearly had Walcott in trouble. Charles said:

"He's real tricky and was still punchin'. He's got a nice right hand, tho I never did feel really hooked up or anything."

Wasn't Close, He Says

Charles added that he didn't think the fight was close, but admitted that he didn't feel sure the crown was his "until the bell rang at the end of that 15th round." He added that he had no plan of battle "other than to get in condition to go the whole 15."

Charles, whose only apparent injury other than the damaged left hand was a collection of cuts, centered mostly around the left eye. He said he thought he had Walcott "going" in at least three rounds, but that "he recuperates pretty fast."

In response to a question about a match with the winner of the Woodcock-Savold battle, Charles' manager, Jake Mintz, said: "We'll fight anybody as long as the cash is there."

Charles said that his only immediate plans were to return to his home in Cincinnati and play a lot of golf.

THE NEW CHAMPION AND HIS MANAGER

Ezzard Charles, left, the newly crowned NBA heavyweight titleholder, with Jake Mintz after receiving championship belt at ceremonies in Chicago yesterday. 6-24-49 Associated Press Wirephoto

WINTER FIGHT HERE LOOMS FOR CHARLES

N. B. A. Champion Due to Box Savold-Woodcock Winner at Garden Next December

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CHICAGO, June 23—As Ezzard Charles basked in the sunshine of his status as National Boxing Association heavyweight champion in the wake of one of the dullest bouts in title history, plans were launched today to resume a campaign calculated to establish a successor to the retired Joe Louis worthy of universal recognition as heavyweight champion.

Beaten at Comiskey Park last night in his third try for the title, aging Jersey Joe Walcott contemplated the unkind fate which had seen him so rudely thrust from his goal and wondered if things might have been different with a little extra effort on his own part.

Jim Norris, Arthur Wirtz and ex-champion Louis, partners in the International Boxing Club, plan a meeting between Charles and the winner of the Lee Savold-Bruce Woodcock bout as a December attraction in Madison Square Garden, New York. Savold and Woodcock will fight Sept 6 in London in what is being advertised as a "world heavyweight championship match."

Mintz Explains for Charles

Partners with the Garden in a monopoly replacing the old Mike Jacobs closed corporation in boxing, I. B. C. officials feel a December bout will produce a champion recognized universally, particularly since such a bout could claim international importance. Charles, accordin gto his manager, Jack Mintz, is under contract to fight only for I. B. C. which controls arenas here and in Detroit as well as in New York.

As Charles was receiving a "championship" belt today, Mintz discounted Gus Lesnevich and Joey Maxim as possible opponents and said Ezzard probably would meet the Savold-Woodcock winner next. He added Charles would make no move without the approval of Harry Markson and I. B. C. and gave assurance N. B. A. Commissioner Abe Greene would be consulted also.

Some critics consider Charles a much better boxer than he demonstrated last night, attributing the dullness of the bout to the styles of the rivals. They contend Charles fought the type of battle he felt would insure his victory.

I. B. C. Profit $50,000

President Norris said I. B. C. realized a profit of about $50,000 from its first heavyweight promotion. Gross receipts, including radio and television income, were $284,046, with 25,932 fans paying. Less Federal tax of $41,542, state tax of $19,835, city tax of $6,091 television and radio. These rights amounted to $37,500.

Charles plans to leave tomorrow for his home in Cincinnati, where he contemplates a completes rest. He wore a patch over his cut and bruised left eye.

Walcott spent the day preparing for his return to Camden, N. J., but the date of his departure remained indefinite. The veteran reiterated his belief he was entitled to the decision and professed his readiness to fight Charles again.

The likelihood of a return bout, however, is discounted. Rather, it is thought Walcott will meet Joe Baski of Kulpmont, Pa.

Bay State Recognizes Charles

BOSTON, June 23 (AP) — The three-man Massachusetts Boxing Commission today voted unanimously to recognize Ezzard Charles as world heavyweight boxing champion. "It is in line with our previous policy of going along with the National Boxing Association," Commissioner Samuel Flaksman explained.

Massachusetts is not a member of the N. B. A. New York is the only other non-member of the N. B. A.

JOE LOUIS PICKS CHAMPION

By JOE LOUIS

Retired and Undefeated World's Heavyweight Champion

I have been repeatedly asked who I think will win the big fight.

I have seen both fighters in training. I have had some little experience with one of them in the ring on a couple of occasions. On a basis of these facts and the further one that I have been in the boxing game myself for fifteen years, I feel I can set myself up as something of an expert. I am therefore about to deliver myself of a prediction.

I predict that the public will be the real winner of the fight. Some folks will say, "there goes Louis the promoter talking." They will be right. I have the same kind of interest now that I had when I was fighting—to put on a good show and to get paid for it. Because I have an interest in the gate doesn't make me any the less determined than when I was fighting to give the public a run for its money.

My prediction is based on some good, solid boxing facts that the real experts and followers of the game will agree with. The styles of the fighters will produce action. Walcott has a shuffling, quick offense that is based on one of the fastest and most deadly right hands in boxing today. I certainly qualify as an expert on right hands. I have been knocked down by some of the best ones in the business. Walcott's past has been to try to draw his opponent out of position and then "wham" him with his right—even when he is apparently off balance. Walcott has been working on this plan with good sparring partners. He is working with young Dick Hagan who worked with me last year. His other boys are fast youngsters who move in and out.

Walcott knocked Hagan down recently and this time did it with a left hand. I sparred fifty rounds with Hagan and never once staggered him. Walcott is surely punching hard.

Charles on the other hand appears to be concentrating on solid smashes to the body. He has been showing a particularly hard left to the belly. He has been moving in fast.

What this adds up to in my book is a good fight. Walcott must rely on a tricky style against a good, young fast fighter who in turn must rely on getting close enough to smash with body punches.

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Wendell Smith's Sports Beat

Charles a Real Champion . . .

The more Ezzard Charles fights the sillier he makes the New York Boxing Commission look.

There is no doubt whatsoever that the Cincinnati clouter is the best heavyweight in the ring today. When he stopped Pat Valentino the other night in 'Frisco, Charles served notice that he can take care of himself, and that anyone who wins the title from him will have to be a fighter better than ordinary.

The National Boxing Association recognized Ezzard as soon as he beat Jersey Joe Walcott last June. That victory automatically made him the heavyweight champion in the eyes of the NBA.

But the New York Commission apparently wanted to be different. That august body refused to believe what it saw. Eddie Egan, the chairman, said he wasn't convinced that Charles was worthy of the title. Consequently, he refused to award Ezzard his just laurels.

No one is particularly surprised over the New York commission's stubborness because it is probably the most inconsistent and politically confused boxing authority in the entire nation.

There is one gentleman on the commission who might do something about the absurdity of this situation. He is C. B. Powell, publisher of The Amsterdam News and a Negro. But apparently Mr. Powell is a pacifist. He'd rather let Chairman Egan pull him around by his nose than to force the issue. Mr. Powell just sits tight and lets Egan pull the boners.

Meantime, Charles is going around the country fighting like the real champion he is and getting better all the time.

Charles is a much better fighter than people were willing to admit a year ago. He is continually improving and may eventually do the same thing Joe Louis did—run out of competition.

There are only three logical contenders, Lee Savold, Bruce Woodcock and Jersey Joe Walcott.

Charles has disposed of Walcott completely. Savold and Woodcock will get theirs as soon as Ezzard can get around to giving it to them.

So—what is the New York Commission waiting on?

How silly can a boxing commission get?

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Beau Jack's Fighting for Another Pile . . .

He's a little guy, but he's got a great big heart. We're talking about Beau Jack, the Georgia shoeshine boy, who made $100,000 during the war years only to wake up one morning and find out that whoever was handling his financial affairs had blown it.

"I had me $100,000 salted away," the Beau told us the other day, "but when I checked up I found out it was all gone."

Ezzard Charles

It seems that the party handling Beau's money didn't

Louis and The Courier's Billy Rowe congratulate the Champ

know the way to the bank. Whenever this party collected Beau's purses he'd always wind up at the teller's window—but over the window there was a sign that said: "Win, Place and Show."

He'd bet Beau's dough on the nags. Nothing can run away with your money faster than a race horse. When your money's riding on 'em they break track records and break you.

So now Beau Jack is starting all over again. He's not the fighter he once was but that doesn't matter when hunger gnaws at a man's stomach.

Despite his financial loss, Beau holds no malice. The guy who bet up his money is still around. Under ordinary circumstances he would probably be one of the permanent tenants in somebody's jail.

But Beau refused to press charges. He's a deeply religious man.

"Aren't you ever going to do anything about this party who took your money?" we asked him.

The squat, little fighter smiled and said, "No, I'm not going to take him into court. But there is one Judge I know who will take care of him when the time comes.

We asked for the name of this jurist in whom Beau Jack had so much faith.

"His name," Beau Jack said grimly, "is Jesus Christ." Then he added: "He is the greatest judge of them all."

The Sports World Merry-Go-Round . . .

Joe Louis' business enterprises are expanding rapidly. His second auto mechanics school for GIs opens in Chicago soon, and his beer company, Canadian Ace, is now being marketed in Detroit. Kiah Sayles and Joe (Ziggy) Johnson are employed by the firm in Detroit. Sayles is in personnel and Ziggy, the master showman, is doing a disc jockey show . . . Big Jim Bailey, ex-W. Va. State great, is back with the Chicago Hornets of the AAC. He was sent to the Bethlehem Bulldogs early in the season for further seasoning . . . Buddy Young's cleaning establishment is clicking like he's been doing on the grid field . . . Lester Felton, Detroit welterweight, gets his big chance Friday night in the Motor City against Kid Gavilan. He's just turned 20 . . . Only one Negro fighter is listed among the leading challengers for the middleweight crown, Artie Towne of New York.

Tank Younger, ex-Grambling wizard, is going great as a ball toter for the Los Angeles Rams . . . Twenty of Brooklyn's twenty-seven farm clubs finished in the first division this past season. Many of those clubs had Negro players in the lineup . . . Montreal's Sam Jethroe only hit .208 in the Little World Series. That isn't encouraging to the Boston Braves who reportedly paid Montreal $100,000 for his contract.

Mark Cardwell has produced another powerhouse at West Virginia. Their win over Tennesse State puts the Jackets right up there with Southern in the race for the national collegiate title . . . Nate Bolden, once a leading middleweight contender, has been refused an Illinois boxing license because of a heart condition . . . Beau Jack owns four trotting horses in Augusta, Ga. . . . Mark down Sunday's San Francisco vs. New York Yankees as the pro grid tilt of the week.

Ring Magazine Names Charles Fighter of Year: Robinson 2d

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP).—Ezzard Charles, NBA-recognized heavyweight champion, is Ring Magazine's Fighter of the Year for 1949.

This new honor for the Cincinnati Negro follows closely his recent selection as winner of the Edward J. Neil Memorial Plaque by the New York Boxing Writers Association. The presentation will be made at the associations' annual dinner Jan. 12.

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MILLS RATED THIRD

Freddie Mills of England, world light-heavy champ, is placed third behind Joey Maxim of Cleveland and Archie Moore of St. Louis. Maxim and Mills get a chance to decide the issue soon in a Jan. 24 title match in London.

Welter King Ray Robinson, who missed the "Fighter of the Year" crown because of a record-marring draw with Henry Brimm at Buffalo Feb. 15, is spotted as No. 2 man in the middleweight class behind Titleholder Jake Lamotta. Sugar Ray, of course, is all alone atop his own 147-pound division.

Fleischer made no "Rookie of the Year" award because he found no outstanding newcomer. He did list Detroit's Lester Felton, a welter who defeated Kid Gavilan in a controversial bout, as the fighter showing the most progress in 1949.

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The editor reported that "boxing took it on the chin" in 1949 with a terrific drop in attendance and in caliber of fighters. However, he looked to the future with optimism and found hope in the new interest in international matches.

Ring reported eighteen boxing deaths throughout the world during the year, attributing poor padding under mats and poor type of gloves as the reasons. Twelve were in the pro ranks and six in the amateurs. Nine occurred in the United States, five of them professionals.

NINE TITLE BOUTS

Nine championship bouts were staged, not counting three involving the NBA heavyweight championship and a Maxim-Gus Lesnevich fight for the "American" light-heavyweight title. Lightweight King Ike Williams, "Fighter of the Year" in 1948, Featherweight Champ Willie Pep and Flyweight Champ Rinty Monaghan appeared in two. Pep won the title and defended once. LaMotta won the 160-pound title from the late Marcel Cerdan, and Robinson and Bantamweight Champ Manuel Ortiz each risked it once.

The Ring's "Round of the Year" was the tenth between Rocky Graziano and Charlie Fusari when The Rock rallied from defeat to knock out Fusari. Close seconds were the seventh round between Joey de John and Pete Mead at Madison Square Garden and the sixth between De John and Lee Sala at Syracuse.

CHARLES NOT CHAMP

Fleischer, who has refused to recognize Charles as heavyweight champ, clings to that stand.

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Fleischer also gives Lee Savold consideration although he did not fight in 1949. It is pointed out that Savold signed to meet Woodcock and trained for months until an injury to the Englishman forced a postponement. They are due to meet in May.

WHY CHARLES PICKED

In naming Charles as the No. 1 man of 1949, Fleischer considered his high rating as a technician and his fine record with the fans as a credit to the game.

Behind Charles he listed, in order, Robinson and Pep. In addition to the draw with Brimm, Robinson was scolded for "too many postponements." Pep's failure to give Sandy Saddler another title shot after their sensational February match in which Willie regained the title, cost him his chance for the top award.

Despite the absence of a "Rookie of the Year" Fleischer found many promising newcomers in the field. He listed the best new prospects by divisions:

BEST NEW PROSPECTS

Heavyweights.—Cesar Brion, Argentina; Roland La Starza, New York; Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.; Joe Lindsay and George Kaplan, Brooklyn; Carmine Vingo, New York; Bob Baker, Pittsburgh; Clarence Henry, Los Angeles; Neil Wallace, Charlotte, N.C.

Light Heavyweights.—Bob Murphy, San Diego, Calif.; Ted Calaman, Philadelphia.

Middleweights.—Jimmy Flood, New York; Paul Pender, Brookline, Mass.; Jimmy Beau, Bridgeport, Conn.

Welterweights.—Maurice Harper, Oakland, Calif.; Ross Virgo, Rochester, N.Y.; Sonny Luciano, Paterson, N.J.; Orlando Capeda, Cuba; Art Davis, Miami; Johnny Saxton, New York.

Lightweights.—Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati; Marias Feony, Spain; Johnny Gonzales, Oakland, Calif.; Tote Martinez, San Francisco; Alger Smith, England; Walter Haines, New York.

Featherweights.—Keith Francis, Australia; Johnny Breeze, Toronto; Frankie Sequiera, Oakland, Calif.

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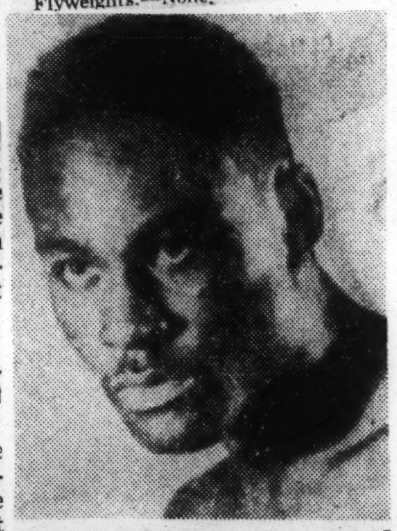
Flyweights.—None.



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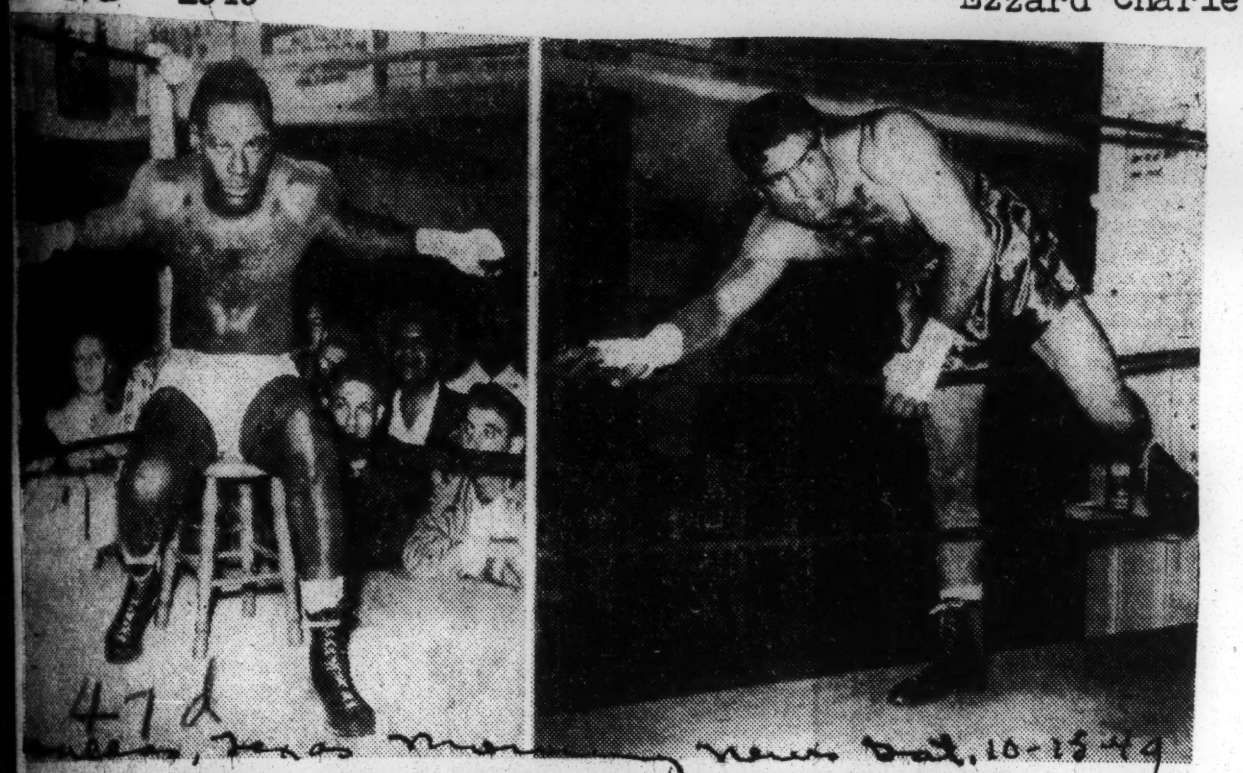

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READY FOR THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT

NBA Heavyweight Champion Ezzard Charles, left, 28 of Lawrenceville, Ga., and Challenger Pat Valentino, right, 29, of San Francisco, heavyweight champion of California, meet Friday night at the Cow Palace in San Francisco for a scheduled fifteen rounds. A crowd of 16,000 is expected. (Associated Press Wirephoto.)

CHARLES KEEPS FISTIC CROWN

SAN FRANCISCO — Ezzard Charles retained his National Boxing Association crown last Friday night by knocking out Pat Valentino in the eighth of their scheduled 15-round bout. Charles was a 1 to 5 favorite in this third defense of his title.

The 182 lb. heavyweight champion ended the scrap in a sudden manner with right uppercuts. His contender, Valentino, is a Negro star from Cincinatti. More than 20,000 spectators crammed into the Cow Palace for the contest. This was the first heavyweight fight held on the Pacific Coast since 1909.

Valentino Rocked Out In Eighth

By CHES WASHINGTON

SAN FRANCISCO — Yes, King Charles, the first and his blasting right hand should have a long and colorful reign as the new and cagy monarch of fistiana.

Ezzard convinced the critics Friday night when he knocked a tough and game Pat Valentino out of this world in the eighth round of a dramatic battle before 20,000 roaring fans in crowded Cow Place, who paid $160,870 at the gate.

Yes, the clouting Cincinnatian who was labeled by The Pittsburgh Courier last year as boxing's "man of destiny" and kid gloves because of his velvety voice and ring smoothness, proved that he had a punch like a blow from a hammer. Quoting the retired champion Joe Louis who watched from the ringside, it was Charles' greatest fight.

HAS THE STUFF . . . JOE

"Ezzard beat a tough and game fighter tonight. When the chips were down Charles proved he has the stuff that champs are made of."

The punch which sent Valentino reeling into oblivion was shot with a speed of a projectile. Even the victim declared seriously: "I never saw it coming."

No wonder. It came like a blasting bolt from the blue. And the dreadnaught-like Pat, dropped like bull bludgeoned by a hammer.

Valentino was lacking in class, but not in courage, but Ezzard was the master, as he fought a calculating battle as if he wasn't even contemplating losing the crown which he and manager Jake Mintz fought so hard to get.

After twenty years of covering fights we can't see how the two home town balloters, Judge Frankie Carter and referee Jack Downey had Valentino ahead by the one point when Ezz put the lights out.

AHEAD EASILY

Our score card, which tallied with many experts, rated the first round even after a typical feeling-out exchange. Valentino came on to win the second by agressiveness and punching. Charles came back to win the third.

From then on Ezzard kept on punching his foe in clean blows with the exception of the sixth. This totaled four for Charles, two for Pat and one even.

That was just about the way it stood when Ezz teed off with a blast of powder in his downswing and then the building caved in on the glassy-eyed Valentino.

Taps was sounded after thirty-five seconds of the eighth round.

Ezzard Charles Named "Fighter Of The Year"

NEW YORK—(NNPA) — Ezzard Charles, recognized by the National Boxing Association as world heavyweight champion, was the "fighter of the year," according to Ring Magazine, whose twenty-second annual ratings were revealed last Tuesday in the copyrighted review in its February issue.

Ray Robinson, welterweight champion, would have been selected if he had not been held to a draw in one of his thirteen fights in 1949.

Charles also won the Boxing Writers Association's Edward J. Neil award as the fighter who did most for boxing in 1949. He will be honored at the Boxing Writers' dinner at the Waldorf January 12.

Nat Fleischer, editor of Ring Magazine, singles out Charles for his "fighter of the year" award though he, like Eddie Eagan, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, denies him recognition as world champion.

Charles is tabbed as the "heavyweight champion of the United States and the outstanding contender for the world title."

Like the New York boxing chairman, Fleischer believes Charles must beat the Lee Savold-Bruce Woodcock winner (the bout is slated in May) to clear his claims.

Nevertheless, Fleischer hands him his top prize his record of the year, his ability and his "fine public relations." Charles outpointed Jersey Joe Walcott after Joe Louis had vacated the title, and knocked out Gus Lesnevich and Pat Valentino.

Charles is ranked all alone in Group one among the heavyweights, a distinction granted in other divisions only to Robinson.

Sugar Ray and Willie Pep, who regained his featherweight crown in March by outpointing Sandy Saddler, are listed as runners-up to Charles. Fleischer calls Robinson the best fighter, pound for pound, and one of the finest ringmen of any era, cites Robinson's defense of his title against Kid Gavilan as a "beautiful exhibition by an art-

Acclaimed in Ring Rating

Associated Press Wirephoto

Heavyweight Champion Ezzard Charles has a happy moment with Manager Jake Mintz who successfully guided him to the heavyweight crown and won Ring Magazine's "Fighter of 1949" award at the same time.

JOE LOUIS VISITS EZZARD CHARLES

The former heavyweight champion, left, carrying the boxing gloves as the new titleholder emerges for his training session at Pompton Lakes, N. J. The New York Times

Sharper Hitting Noted by Louis As He Watches Charles' Workout

Joe Louis cast an appraising eye on Ezzard Charles at Pompton Lakes, N. J., yesterday as the National Boxing Association heavyweight champion sparred seven rounds in preparation for his bout with Gus Lesnevich at Yankee Stadium next Wednesday night.

After watching the man he endorses as his successor as world titleholder, Louis remarked to other observers that Charles impressed him as being in "better condition" and "hitting sharper" than before the Chicago bout with Joe Walcott in which Ezzard won the N. B. A. crown.

However, Louis also noted that Charles showed a tendency to drop his left hand, a move which the retired champion said tended to expose Ezzard's chin to right-handed counters. On this subject, the Brown Bomber could speak authoritatively, for it was such a fault that led to his own knockout by Max Schmeling and caused him no little embarassment on other occasions.

Jim Norris, president of the International Boxing Club, which Louis serves as director of boxing, also was on hand to watch Charles step briskly through two rounds each with Floyd Gibson, Gene Jones and Al Smith and one session with Hubert Hood.

At Summit, N. J., Lesnevich boxed five rounds, three against Henry Hall and two against Bernie Reynolds.

Gus weighed 182 pounds, Charles 181, with both men expected to weigh in at about 180 for their 15-round match, which is not officially recognized as a title engagement by the New York State Athletic Commission.

Jake Mintz, Handler Of Ezzard Charles, Hopes To Promote Bout With Joe Louis And Champ

By JIM HOLTON

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16.—(AP)—They can't make a jerk out of Jake.

Thus to the fistic fraternity spake Jake Mintz, the man who handles the top claimant to the world's heavyweight boxing crown.

"Lots of buys thought I could be pushed around," intoned Ezzard Charles' pretzel nosed co-manager. "But they're beginning to find out that Jake knows what he's doing."

Mintz is temporarily laid up in Mercy Hospital after a minor operation.

"As soon as I get out of here," he declared, "I'm going to work in earnest on my big deal—a match between Ezzard and Joe Louis."

Otherwise, Jake said, his plans for the rangy Cincinnati Negro are indefinite. Said he:

"There's pretty good possibility of a match in March between my boy and Irish Bob Murphy—probably in Los Angeles' Wrigley Field. Frisco's also after the bout, but I favor L. A. because Murphy's a San Diego boy."

Mintz said he hopes to arrange a bout with Maxim for next summer if the Cleveland stylist gets by Freddy Mills in England next month. They'll mix it for the world's lightheavy crown.

Charles won the title vacated by Joe Louis last June when he beat Joe Walcott in Chicago. At that time Mintz was one of four co-managers of the trim slugger.

He and Tom Tannas, an Arnold, Penn., sportsman and real estate broker, bought out the other three early this month.

Charles has been having trouble getting the title he claims recognized. He has the nod of the National Boxing Association and most of the individual state commissions. The big holdout is Col. Eddie Eagan and the New York State Boxing Commission.

"My boy's the champ, no matter what a few individuals say," Jake affirmed. "The fans have accepted him, most of the sports writers have, so I'm satisfied that we have the title complete."

Jake needs no coaxing to talk about the ex-champ.

"This 'pride' talk is a laugh," he snorted. "Do you think a guy would let pride stand between him and a million-dollar fight?"

That is what Mintz figures a go between Charles and the former king would make. Furthermore, adds the wiry ex-featherweight:

"It's just what the boxing game needs to give it a lift. Also, my boy deserves a chance to prove for once and for all that he's championship caliber."

Ezzard Charles Wins Neil Boxing Award

A Negro, Ezzard Charles, won the Edward J. Neil Memorial plaque Monday by a unanimous vote of the New York Boxing Writers Association.

Since 1938 the award has been given annually to the boxer or boxing figure who, in the opinion of the writers, has done the most for the sport during the year, with sportsmanship and clean living in addition to ring performance, being considered in case a fighter is chosen.

Neil, Associated Press boxing writer in the early '30s, was killed in 1937 while serving as a war correspondent in Spain, and the award was set up in his memory.

Charles, a Cincinnati Negro, and Jersey Joe Walcott were named by the NBA to meet for the title vacated by Joe Louis. He defeated Walcott this year and was recognized as champion by the national body, although the New York State Commission has refused to name him titleholder.

Subsequently Charles turned back two challengers winning both the fights by knockouts. He first defeated Gus Lesnevich, who had been prominently mentioned as a challenger to Joe Louis before Louis' announced retirement, and then disposed of the bushy-haired California, Pat Valentino.

In making the award, it was pointed out that Charles' conduct has been exemplary, and that he has been ready to meet any fighter who loomed as a real challenger. In 1943 the award was made to Charles is the third heavyweight 12 years since it was originated. Jack Dempsey received the first award. Others honored included Billy Conn, Henry Armstrong, Joe Louis, Barney Ross, Benny Leonard, James J. Walker, the late Mayor of New York; Toney Zale, Gus Lesnevich and Ike Williams, who received the plaque last year, "all the fighters in the Armed Service."

Charles will receive the plaque at the annual Boxing Writers' dinner here next month.

Cuban Kid Scores Decision in 10-Round Upset Victory

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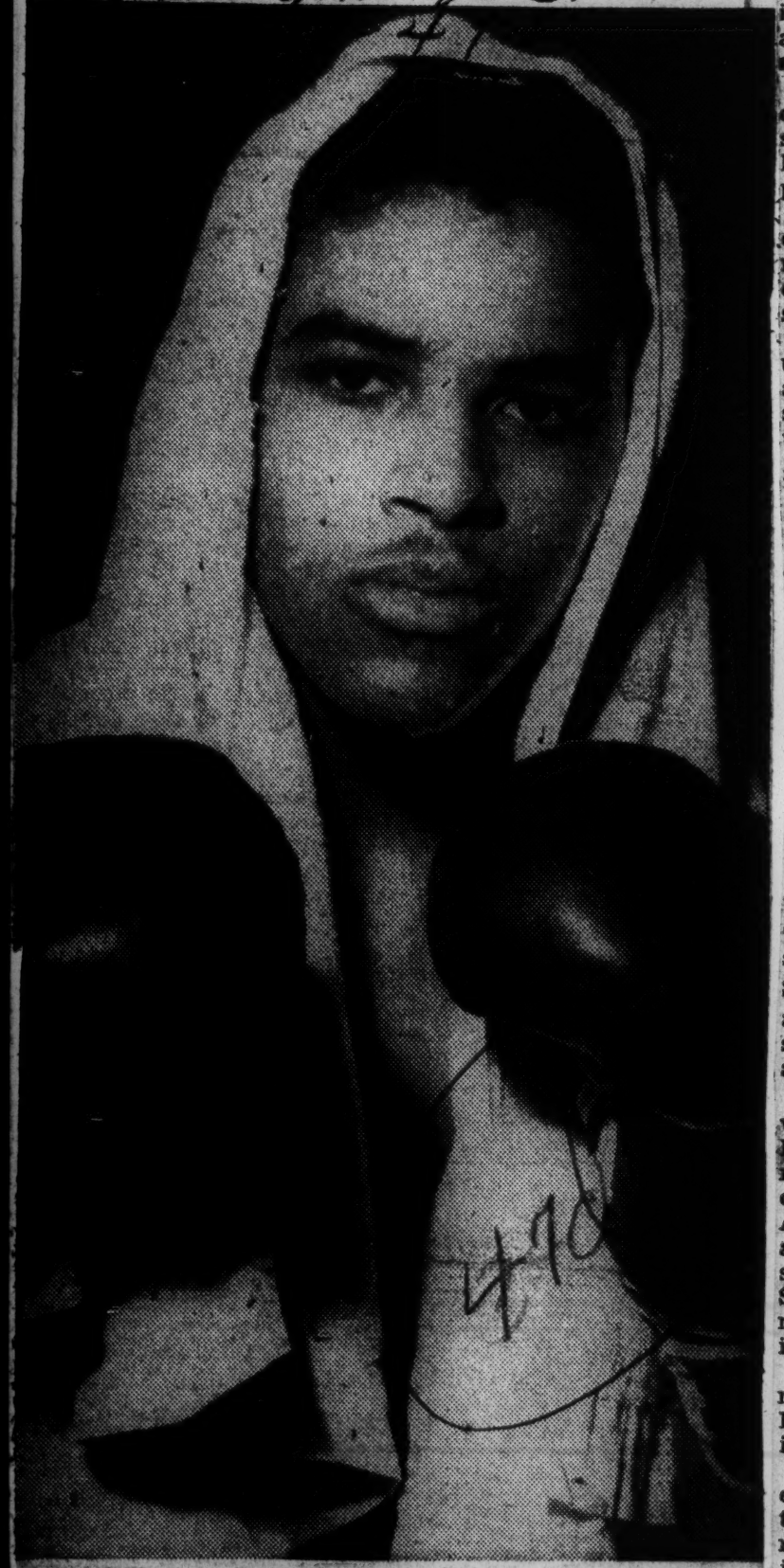


D. C. BOY A CHAMP—Pfc. George Harrison, 3013 Sherman ave. nw., holds the middleweight boxing title of the Far East Command and will box in the Army World-Wide championships at Fort Myer, February 21-26. Harrison, 19, is stationed at Tokyo.

By Herb Heft

You'll need only to glance around the ringside Monday night to realize the truly global scope of the Army's World-Wide boxing tournament at the Fort Myer riding hall.

Ambassadors, ministers and attaches of 12 foreign countries, including even a Soviet rear admiral, have already asked for reservations.

Attendance figures will, no doubt, stagger the local professional fight promoters, who are having trouble luring 1000 people to their shows.

Capacity crowds of 5500 are expected for each of the six fight nights. But there is a bit of a catch . . . there'll be no admission charge.

Free tickets are being distributed to soldiers and civilians re- at the local Army recruiting stations and area service installations. Those fans who do not get their tickets in advance, will be allowed to ocupy the seats not already taken a half hour after the first fight on each night. Starting time each night is 8 o'clock.

The local end of the show is being financed by profits of the Military District of Washington post exchanges and post theaters. Visiting teams are paying their expenses similarly.

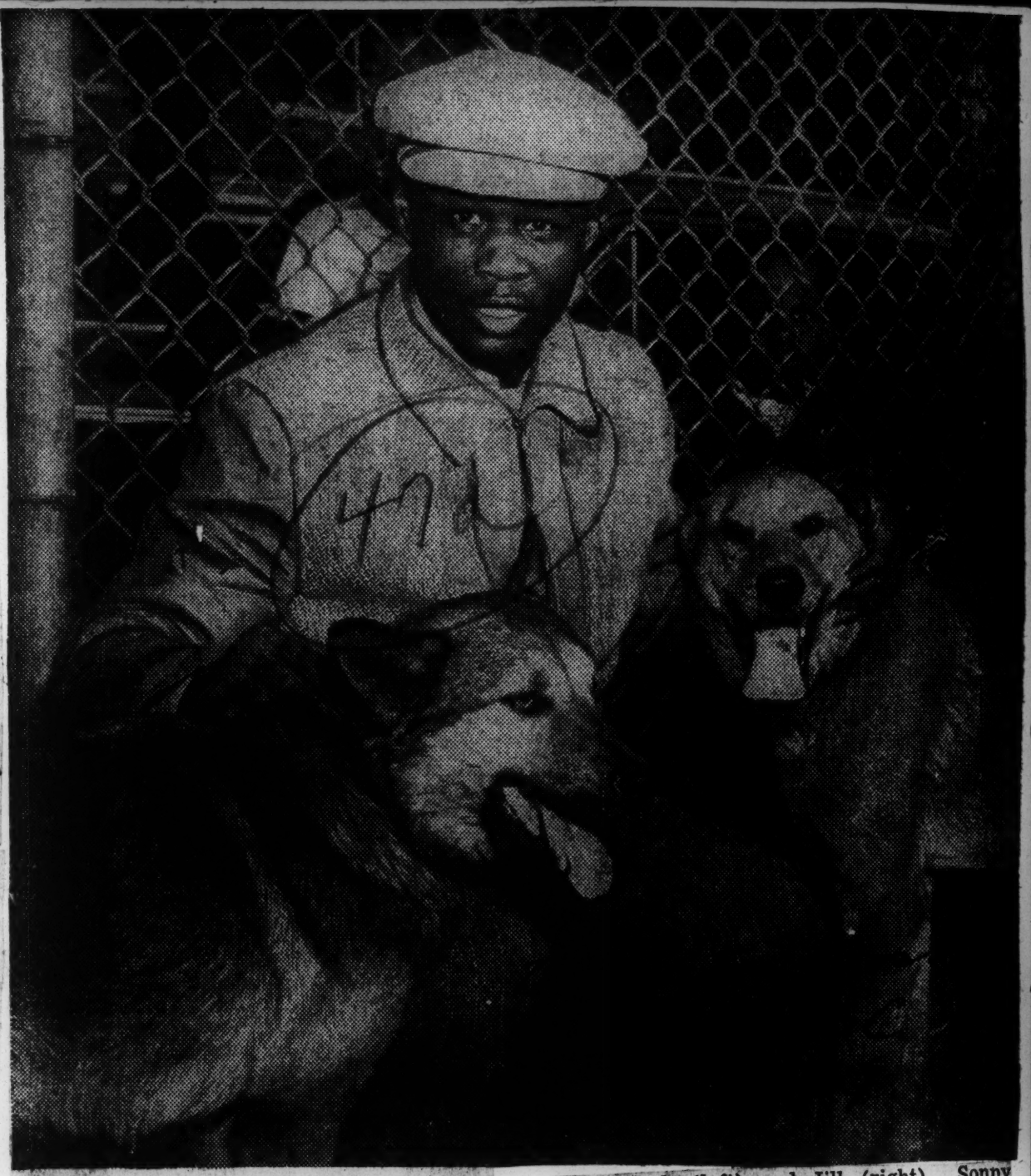
Press, radio, and television coverage wil almost equal that of the recent Presidential inauguration.

The MDW public information department is preparing to accomodate the three major wire services, the local newspapers, Stars and Stripes, Army Times and even a Japanese-American syndicate in Utah, all of which are sending reporters.

In addition, N. B. C. television will flash the finals all over the East and Midwest. One of the radio networks is dickering for coast-to-coast broadcast rights. Armed Forces Radio will beam a blow-by-blow description to servicemen overseas. And the State Department will send radio accounts to Latin America.

Even the four major newsreel companies, Warner, Pathe, Fox and Universal are horning in on the show.

Rubbing shoulders with the enlisted men and civilian spectators will be a distinguished array of Congressional and service officials, among them 10 members of the House and Senate Military Affairs Committees, and the geenrals and flag officers o fthe Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.



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The $43,518.51 judgment represents the amount Charles received recently for his bout with Pat Valentino on the West Coast. The petition claims Charles has had several matches without having the articles of agreement being signed by them.

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Historical (Joe Gans)

THROUGH THE YEARS - - - - with Fay Young

Joe Gans' Last Three Fight Dies In His Mother's Arms

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By FAY YOUNG

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The "Old Master," ravished by the dreaded disease tuberculosis, and weakened by making the 133 pounds required — sans shoes, gloves and belt at the ringside the day of the fight, was but a shadow of himself against White. But although the Gans of old was not in the ring that night, he did have enough power behind his blows to floor the British champion once in the sixth, twice in the seventh (the last time the bell saving the Englishman by ringing at the count of nine) and again in the eighth.

DIES IN MOTHER'S ARMS

Gans announced his retirement from the ring after the fight with White. His physician and his friends advised him to go to Arizona. Gans went to Prescott but when he grew so weak that he realized that death was near, he begged to be returned to his home in Baltimore. There, with his wife, Madge, his two children and his mother and his loyal friend Kid North of California, Gans died. The end came in his mothers' arms. He was buried a few days later in Mt. Auburn cemetery, Baltimore, on Aug. 13, 1910.

Gans had beaten Nelson on a foul in Reno, Nevada, on Sept. 9, 1906 in the 42nd round. He had won the title from Britt on a foul in the 5th round in San Francisco on Oct. 31, 1904 but Britt and his followers claimed the championship.

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Gans was a shadow of his old self in the early rounds. He peppered Nelson with lefts and rights. For five rounds he danced in and out cutting Nelson's face to ribbons. Then, suddenly, Gans began to weaken. He was forced to clinch. His timing was poor. It was plainly seen that he was "but a shadow of his old self." He rallied in the ninth but the ringsters wondered how long before Gans would succumb.

A right and a left to the head put Gans on the floor in the 12th. He rested on his knees and came up at the count of "nine." He was floored in the 13th and 14th rounds. Again he came up at "nine." In the 16th, Nelson landed a hard right to the stomach and down went Gans for the 'nine" count.

Nelson put Gans on the floor twice for the "eight" count in the 17th stanza before he sent him to the canvas to be counted out.

Crestfallen because he had lost the world championship, Gans begged his manager, Al Herford, for another chance at Nelson.

The third meeting was arranged with Jim Croffoth, the San Francisco promoter and who handled the July 4 fight. The date was Sept. 9, 1908.

Many things happened that week.

William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska was campaigning for the presidency. President Theodore Roosevelt had been shot at by a maniac in Mineola, Long Island, and the bullet barely missed his head. Labor Day was Monday, Sept. 7. The Armour and Company fertilizer plant in Chicago was burned at a cost of $500,000. Leon Delagrange, president of the Aviation Club of Paris, had kept his plane aloft 31 minutes but because a wheel touched the ground on the first turn he was credited with 28 minutes. Orville Wright, in Ft. Myer, Va., had put his plane in the air 24 seconds. Billy Papke knocked out Stanley Ketchel in the 12th round of a scheduled 25-rounder for the world middleweight championship in Los Angeles and after the victory Papke announced that he would fight no Negroes. Jim Jeffries, former heavyweight champion, retired, was referee. In Mission arena, San Francisco, Abe Attel, world featherweight champion, and Owen Moran, from Great Britain, battled 23 rounds to a draw on the afternoon of Sept.

Beau Jack Wins Verdict Over Giosa

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Beau knocked Eddie down twice, calmly. In the second round, lefts to the body and a polo to the jaw sent Giosa to the canvas at the bell. In the third, a short left to the head knocked Eddie down for a new count.

From then on Giosa stayed as far away from Beau as it was possible until the tenth. Beau caught him in the ninth with a sweeping sidearm right to the head and Giosa went down on his knees but got right up.

In a desperate attempt to gain the nod, Giosa tried to slug it out with Beau in the tenth but to no avail. Jack was clearly in front. The gross gate was $6,752.25, and the net $4,917.75.

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Portuguez Beats Beau Jack on Points in the Feature Match of Garden Card

JERSEY FIGHTER EXCELS

Durando Finishes Sanders in Second—Copeland, Norkus, Babcock Other Winners

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Tuzo Portuguez of Costa Rica outpointed Beau Jack, Augusta, Ga., boxer in the ten-round feature bout at Madison Square Garden last night.

A crowd of 7,500 was present. The Beau weighed 142 pounds while his rival scaled 146½.

The referee was Al Berl. The judges were Arthur Aidalla and Jack Gordon.

From the outset it was a question whether Beau's experience could overcome the youth, strength and punching power of Portuguez. On the action of the first two rounds the answer appeared negative.

Portuguez, with no thought of his veteran rival's reputation, ripped into Beau with wicked, full-arm left and rights to the body and pounded home repeatedly to the head with solid lefts or rights, when he wasn't jabbing Jack. The BPeau spilled his rival by pulling Portuguez down in a clinch in the first round but the Costa Rican got right up.

Jack Tries Bolo Punch

Beau Jack tried a bolo punch, a swishing right uppercut to the chin, in the first, without stopping his foe's advances. In the second both were guilty of erratic body fire and were warned by the referee as the action waxed warmer.

The Beau got slightly rougher in the clinches in the third and shook his foe considerably in a succession of bull-like rushes. And, when Beau hooked low with a left before the round ended, Referee Berl promptly stepped between them and penalized the veteran the round.

The Beau swarmed all over his rival in the fourth, battering home with both hands to the body and head alternately, while Portuguez tried vainly to stem the storm.

In his excitement Portuguez landed foul with a right for the body, bringing a penalty of the round, which was unnecessary since the Beau had spent the three minutes ripping and slashing at Tuzo's body and head with a bruising assortment of rights and lefts.

Paddy Young, Greenwich Village middleweight, extended his winning streak to eleven in a row with a spectacular knockout of rugged Sal DiMartino of Hartford, Conn., in the sixth round of their scheduled ten-round bout.

Young survived a knockdown and the danger of a knockout himself in the first round. DiMartino showed powerful hitting ability and the strength to withstand a bruising pace as well as savage punching before he crumpled under a left hook to the jaw and a combination right cross and left hook to the jaw which followed.

The round had gone exactly one minute fifty-four seconds when Referee Scalzo counted DiMartino out stretched flat on his back.

Ernie Durando, Bayonne, N. J., middleweight, demonstrated some of the power which has won him recognition as one of the heaviest hitters in the 160-pound division when he knocked out Jimmy Sanders, Warren, Ohio, in the second round of their scheduled ten-rounder.

The finish came after 1 minute 44 seconds of the second round when Referee Petey Scalzo waived a count after Sanders had gone down for the second time under Durando's blows in a neutral corner.

In a lively first round Durando jarred his foe with a solid right and left high on the head. Soon after the second session started a right to the jaw dropped Sanders and he struggled to his feet at the count of five.

Right to Jaw Ends It

Durando lit into his rival and battered both hands to the head in a savage flurry until, finally, a left hook and a right cross to the jaw sent Sanders toppling. The Ohioan was struggling to regain his feet when Scalzo waved a signal that the fight was over. It was a wise decision. Durando weighed 153¼ pounds and Sanders 150¼.

In the opening battle of four rounds Bobby Copeland, Harlem middleweight, won the decision over Al Wilson, Englewood, N. J. Copeland weighed 150 pounds and Wilson 145½.

Charley Norkus, Freehold, N. J., heavyweight, celebrated his first Garden appearance by hammering out a decision over Eddie Davis, Harlem, in four rounds of slugging. Norkus started as if to make short work of his foe and in the first round it appeared he would achieve his goal. But the Jerseyite battered the taller and heavier Davis all over the ring. The Harlemite fought back fitfully through the three succeeding rounds, but the fact is he was soundly larruped most of the way. Norkus weighed 191½ pounds and Davis 221½.

The venerable Dan Morgan uncovered a hitter of the old school, though a bit crude, in Charley Babcock, Bangor, Me., light-heavyweight, in an emergency bout scheduled for four rounds. Babcock, battered, shaken and jarred several times through the first round, came back in the second and knocked out Hal Sampson, Cliffised, N. J., in 2:05, after flooring Sampson with a right to the jaw for a count of eight. Babcock weighed 175½ pounds and sampson 170½.

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Tuzo Portuguez Gains Majority Verdict; Popular Georgian Urged to Quit Game

By STAFF WRITER

NEW YORK—The once-great Jack turned up in Madison Square Garden a mere shell of its former self Friday night and, as a result, produced a mediocre performance in the form of a split-decision loss to Tuzo Portugez, of Costa Rica.

Six years the senior of his 22-year-old adversary, the Beau was a pathetic sight trying to hold off the closing rally of his green, but stronger, opponent. After four rounds, Portuguez had little difficulty dominating the fighting, both inside and out.

Jack was no longer the tireless workman of old. And while he possessed the same fighting heart which endeared him to boxing fans throughout the country, there was little of the speed and skill that formerly went with it.

Experts at ringside were heavily in favor of his retirement before physical harm comes to him.

Worst Fight

Consensus of opinion was that this was Beau Jack's poorest performance in 27 appearances in the 8th Avenue Sock Emporium. Several writers shared the AFRO viewpoint: that for him to continue to fight and take beatings such as he received at the hands of Tuzo Friday night, would be the height of stupidity.

According to Chick Wergeles, his manager of record, the Beau has a modest bank account, property in Georgia and annuities which become payable monthly after he is 50 years of age.

Without regard to the accuracy or inaccuracy of this statement, there is the feeling among boxing writers—with whom Jack is quite popular—that, should he continue fighting, he will be lucky to live long enough to derive any benefits from these savings, particularly the annuities.

Starts Fast

As has been pointed out, the Jack started fast, and for the first four rounds was holding his own. Several score-cards had him in front going into the halfway mark.

Thereafter, his legs began to bog down. He was unable to move out of the range of Portuguez's bruising lefts to the body and heavy right crosses.

Through the fifth and sixth, Tuzo bore in and belabored the former champion with heavy smashes to the head and body.

Jack rallied mildly in the seventh, but this, obviously, was a case of shooting his last guns. He was completely at the mercy of the South American in the eighth and ninth. And in the tenth, he resorted to clowning, something entirely new for the veteran campaiger.

Referee Al Berl gave Tuzo the fight 7-3; Judge Jack Gordon called it 6-3-1, and Judge Arthur Aidala cast the minority vote for Beau Jack on the basis of a 5-4-1 scoring.

Earns Estimated $5,000

A crowd of 7,281 was on hand to pay into a gross of $20,382. Beau's share amounted to an estimated $4,000, with an additional $1,000 coming to him from the television receipts.

In the dressing room after the fight, Jack, no longer the clean featured gladiator of old, scoffed at suggestions that he quit. Through blood oozing from his nose, a cut lip and a gash under one eye, he quipped: "I'll hang 'em up only when they count ten over me and I wake up back at home."

Wergeles, sounded suspiciously like a manager entirely unmindful of his fighter's welfare, observed: "All he needs is a couple of fights."

Newsmen eyed him with reserved scorn.

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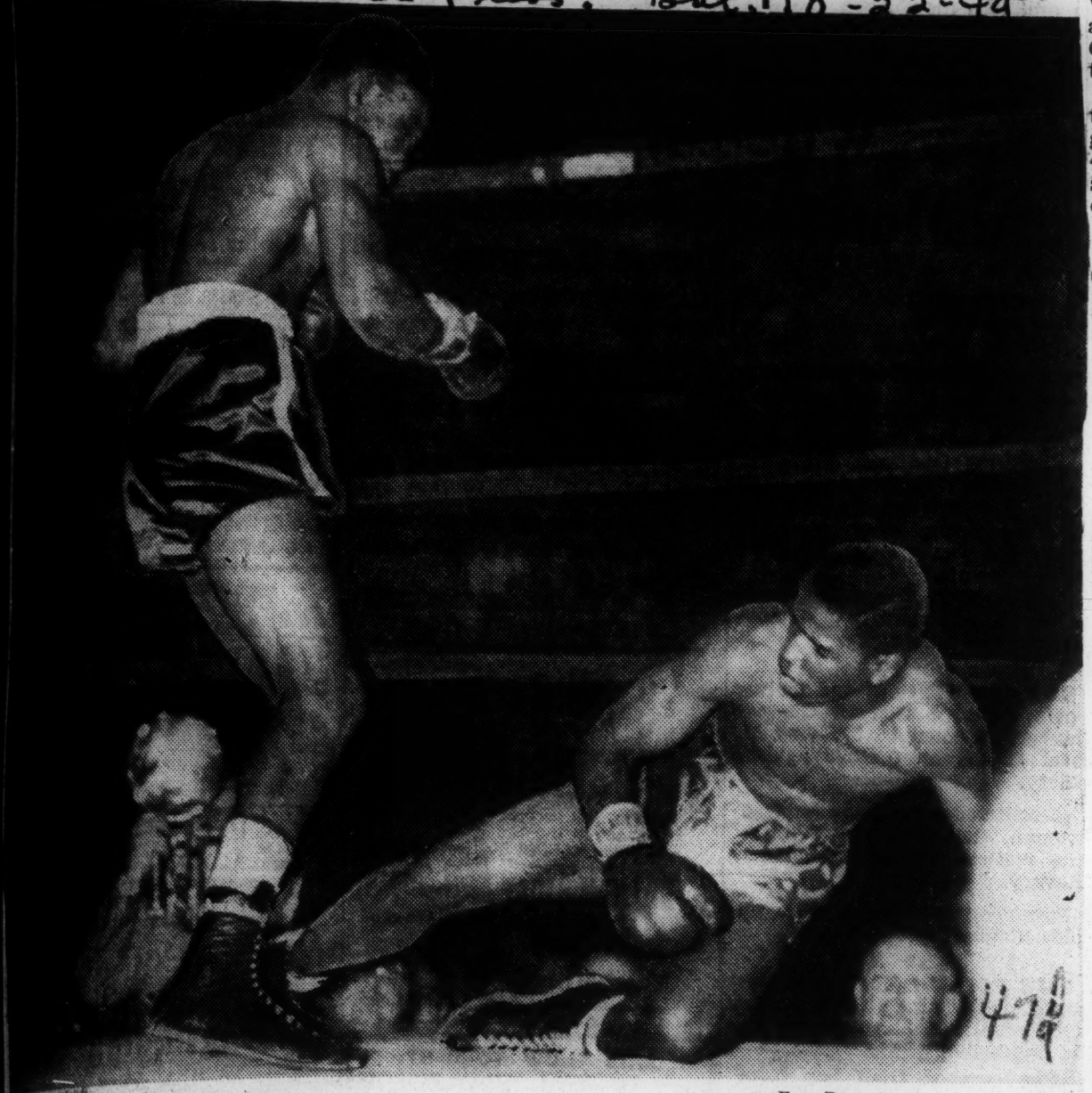
Only Knockdown---Lester Slips to Floor



KID GAVILAN — LESTER FELTON

Free Press Photo by Bud Johnson

Felton fell to mat in second after slipping but no count was taken

Officials Split on Gavilan

Boxing Chief Orders Probe; Boycott in Air

BY TOMMY DEVINE

One of the most fantastic decisions in boxing history gave Lester Felton a strange 10-round decision over Cuba's Kid Gavilan at Olympia Friday night.

A crowd of 13,187 fans hooted and howled in amazement when Felton was given the split verdict. The gate grossed $29,757.54, the best indoor gate the International Boxing Club has had in three shows here.

THE WIERD decision favoring Felton had immediate repercussions in boxing circles.

Ray Arcel, veteran trainer and second for Galvin, threatened a boycott of Detroit shows.

"This is the worst decision I've seen in my 35 years in boxing," Arcel shouted. "If they want to kill boxing in Detroit, that's the perfect way to do it.

"I am supposed to bring Tony Janiro here to headline a show on Nov. 9 against Charley Fusari. Now I'll do everything within my power to keep him from fighting as scheduled. Why take a chance on being robbed again?"

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BOXING Commissioner Floyd Stevens was a ringside spectator. He immediately announced that there would be a formal inquiry into the decision.

"I do not want to comment directly on the decision now," Stevens said. "I prefer to wait until I have had a chance to talk to Referee Morrie Sherman and the judges, Sam Pearlstein and Joe Lenahan."

If Stevens wants to take action against the officials, he has a precedent.

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WHEN THE NOW middleweight champion Jake LaMotta was given a "baffling" decesion over Robert Villemain, of France, in a bout at New York last spring, Boxing Chairman Eddie Egan suspended the referee and one judge.

Referee Sherman voted for Felton, 52 to 48, and Judge Perlstein gave it to the Detroiter, 51 to 49. The other judge, Lenahan, scored the battle, 54 to 46, in favor of Gavilan.

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HERE'S HOW the cards of the officials looked:

SHERMAN				
Gavilan	465	444	645	6—48
Felton	645	666	465	4—52
LENAHAN				
Gavilan	566	654	565	6—54
Felton	544	456	545	4—46
PEERLSTEIN				
Gavilan	566	554	544	5—49
Felton	544	556	566	5—51

The Free Press scorecard paralleled that of Lenahan. Even under the most charitable scoring it would have been difficult to give Felton more than one round.

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FELTON'S MAIN objective from the opening gong apparently was to go the limit with the Cuban, who is ranked the world's No. 2 welterweight. To achieve that the 20-year-old Detroiter jumped on his "bicycle" early and he back-pedaled most of the way.

It was Felton going away and Gavilan in pursuit which set the pattern round after round.

There were no real two-fisted exchanges except for a brief time in the 10th and final round when Lester finally abandoned his cautious tactics and swapped punches in mid-ring.

Gavilan was the aggressor throughout. He constantly tried to move in and mix things, but Felton simply jabbed and ran away.

Fernando Balido, the Cuban fight pilot who brought Gavilan to the United States, was stunned by the verdict.

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"IT WAS the first time I ever saw a man running backward all night to win a fight," Balido said.

"Our contract gives us the privilege of a rematch, but I don't know that I want it. I have seen all I care to of Detroit judging."

Gavilan was puzzled by the decision.

"I tried for the whole 10 rounds to get him to come in and fight, but he simply wouldn't."

The boxing commission withheld the purse of Lightweight Joey Carkido, who refused to answer the bell for the fifth round of his bout with Tommy Mathews of Detroit. Carkido complained of an eye injury.

In the preliminaries George Reid outpointed Tony Bajkowski, Cecil Graff took a decision over Chuck Simmons and Joe Garza made his pro debut by beating Ken Brown. All were four-rounders.

Beau Jack Beats Minelli, Awaits Kid Gavilan Bout

(Special to the AFRO)

CHICAGO — Beau Jack won a split decision over Livio Minelli here Friday night in 10 rounds. Jack weighed 141; Minelli, 147.

The victory qualified Jack for a fight with Kid Gavilan on Oct. 14. The two judges scored the fight 52 to 48 for Jack, while the referee voted 48 to 52 for Minelli.

Minelli, 24, is the welterweight champion in Europe. He has won 62 amateur fights and as a pro has won 27 and lost two.

He boasts of the fact that he beat Bob Montgomery, but lost to Ike Williams. Minelli was on his bicycle during the entire fight from one corner to the other. At times he was actually running.

Jack Cautioned

Jack had a hard time catching up with him and at one time was cautioned by the referee for holding him against the rope with one hand and hitting with the other. The referee accused Jack of having his glove against Minelli's throat.

Minelli couldn't hold Beau Jack off nor could he tie him into clinches except when the heavier Italian boxer threw both arms around him and held on for dear life.

Minelli appeared a better hand at running and holding than Joe Walcott. As usual Jack hit his opponent three blows for each one he took.

The fight was entirely onesided and there was no doubt in the mind of the spectators as to the winner.

Jacks boasts of the fact that he got $3,000 for his first fight as a a shoe shine boy in Dixie and $148,000 for his fight with Johnny Greco. His proudest moment was his fight with Bob Montgomery at which $40,000,000 in War Bonds were sold.

The bouts were under the direction of the International Boxing Club.

Prelim Results

In the preliminary, Roger Griffin, 190 ,was knocked out in 1:35 of the fourth round by Mike Buhof.

Ed Smith, 148, of Gary, Ind., caught up with Don Rocco, white, 142, of Indianapolis in two minutes of the third round and knocked him out. Rocco was down in each round from a push, a slip or a blow, but he was knocked down three times in the third round before he was finally counted out.

LESTER READY FOR HIM

Kid Shows Bolo Punch as He Drills for Felton

Detroit Times, 10-20-49

Kid Gavilan, the sensational Cuban welterweight, thrilled a capacity crowd at the Woodward Gym Wednesday with his first —and last—Detroit sparring session.

The Cuban Hawk, who battles Lester Felton at Olympia Friday night, revealed an abundance of speed and punching power in a three-round duel with Hugh Sublette. Gavilan brought roars from the onlookers as he nailed Sublette several times with his famed "bolo punch."

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AFTER THE drill, Ray Arcel, his trainer, said that he was well satisfied with Gavilan's condition. The Kid will confine himself to loosening up exercises Thursday.

Detroit Free Press

"Gavilan fought last Friday (he beat Beau Jack in Chicago) and he is in fine condition," Arcel declared. "He looked great this afternoon. All he needs now is a light workout."

Over at Sportsman's Gym, Co-Manager Eddie Futch limited Felton to calisthenics and bag punching.

"Lester wanted to box, but he's done enough heavy work during the last month," declared Futch. "My big worry now is to make sure that he doesn't go stale. So I decided to lay him off boxing from now until the fight. He'll be in peak condition for Gavilan."

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KID GAVILAN

BACK STAGE ADJUSTMENTS FOR STADIUM BOUT

Kid Gavilan, Cuban welterweight challenger, surveys his fighting stance after four round workout in Midwest Athletic club gym for 10 round bout in Chicago Stadium Friday night. Gavilan decisively defeated Rocky Castellani in last bout Sept. 8 and will be making Chicago debut.

[TRIBUNE Photos]

GAVILAN, JACK END DRILL TODAY

Cuban Needs Victory to Inherit Title

BY FRANK MASTRO

Kid Gavilan had just finished ring four rounds with two in the Midwest Athletic club gymnasium yesterday afternoon when the Cuban welterweight challengers attention was called to a black and gold colored soft shee advertising his 10 round bout with Beau Jack in the Chicago Stadium Friday night.

"Ugh," he grunted, closing hi eyes to shut out the reminder o his altercation with a knife wield ing hoodlum in Harlem a month ago.

Gavilan was driving his new gold colored automobile when he was stabbed, seriously enough to force postponement of a previous meeting with Jack, scheduled in the big west side arena last Sept. 30.

No Jinx, He Hopes

"I hope that doesn't prove to be a jinx," he said to Mundite Medina, his trainer, as he pointed at the sheet.

Gavilan and Jack will end boxing drills in the Midwest gym today. Gavilan, 23, apparently completely recovered from his experience in Harlem, must eliminate Jack if he expects to remain in the running for recognition as successor to Ray Robinson when the latter renounces the world 147 pound title, as he proposes to do.

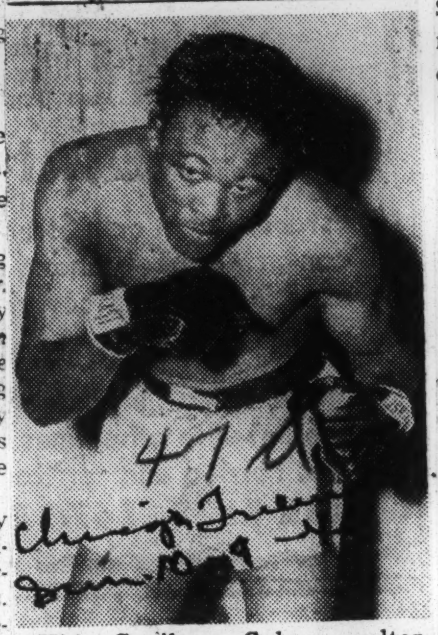
In his last fight Gavilan decisively defeated Rocky Castellani in Madison Square Garden on Sept. 8, scoring two knockdowns in the process. He will be making his Chicago debut but his reputation precedes him.

Owns 54 Victories

Gavilan, whose correct name is Gerardo Gonzales, came to this country in November, 1946, in possession of 26 triumphs in 28 starts, 12 consecutively. Since opening his American campaign he has scored 28 victories in 33 adventures for an overall total of 54 victories, two draws, and seven losses in seven years. He has scored 18 knockouts, his leading victims in this manner being Joe Curcio and Bee Bee Wright. He twice has beaten Ike Williams, lightweight ruler, in the Garden on Jan. 28 and again April 1.

Gavilan's opponent Friday night will be Beau Jack, shown adjusting head guard. Jack and Gavilan seek Ray Robinson's .147 pound title, expected to be relinquished soon.

Battle Friday



Kid Gavilan, Cuban welterweight, who will box Beau Jack in Chicago Stadium Friday night.

Beau Jack, former lightweight champion, will meet Gavilan on the International Boxing club's card in a 10 round bout.

Gavilan and Jack to Open Drills Today

BY FRANK MASTRO

Kid Gavilan, Cuban welterweight challenger, will open workouts in the Midwest Athletic club gymnasium this afternoon for his 10 round bout with Beau Jack in the International Boxing club's second show of the current season in the Chicago Stadium Friday. Jack also may arrive from New York in time to work out there this afternoon.

Four matches of six rounds and one of four will make up the supporting card. The six round matches will include those involving Frank Muche, Italian lightweight from Niles, O., and Joe Kelly, Los Angeles; George Kolarik, Bohemian welterweight from Cleveland, and Allie Gronick, Detroit Pole, who defeated Bob Rossie of Iowa City recently.

Buha Listed on Card

Mike Buha, Serbian heavyweight of St. Louis, who knocked out Roger Griffin of New Orleans in the I. B. C.'s opening show last month, will appear in a six round bout with a foe to be selected.

Vince Turpin, Canton, O., welterweight, and George Sherman of the south side will be principals in a 10 round main bout in Marigold Gardens tomorrow night. Turpin, who is 24, has engaged in 49 bouts over a nine year period, winning 41, fighting two draws, and losing five decisions.

In a previous appearance in Chicago Vince defeated the late Al Reasoner of Chicago in eight rounds in the north side club Oct. 26, 1942.

Sam Buxbaum and Cornelius [Memphis Red] Johnson, veteran fight trainers, and Sammy Frager, glove manufacturer and second, have transferred their headquarters from Ringside Loop gymnasium to Midwest Athletic club gym, to the disappointment of Sammy Spunt, manager of the Ringside establishment.

Ralph Metcalfe, member of the Illinois Athletic commission, will return today from the world series in New York to be present at the meeting of the board in the State of Illinois bldg. tomorrow.

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Jack Hopes to Weigh 141

o Minelli, Italian wel- Jack, who confined himself to holder, in the I. B. C.'s light exercises in Midwest Athletic Sept. 30, and stopping in eight rounds in club gymnasium yesterday afternoon, expects to weigh 141 pounds by task, as 4 to 1 odds favoring Gavilan Philadelphia last will indicate:

Whether the odds are justified perpetual motion b York, via Augusta, will be determined in Beau's big renders without a chance to gain recognition as a He turned in st ances in two earlier defeating Livio Mi terweight title holde Jack, former world light-serious challenger for Ray Robin- Beau Jack Still Can Hit

It is true Jack has, more or less, first headliner Sept. 30, and stopping Johnny Bratton in since failing to regain his 135 pound January, 1948.

KID GAVILAN AND BEAU JACK MEET TONIGHT

Expect 7,000 for Stadium Card

BY FRANK MASTRO

Beau Jack, former world light-weight champion, will try to dis-son's 147 pound title.

Kid Gavilan as foremost contender in a 10 round bout featuring the International Boxing club's second show of season in Chicago championship from Ike Williams in Beau is 28, five years Gavilan's place. welterweight the indoor stadium tonight. It is a herculean

at today's weigh-in in the Illinois Athletic commission offices.

Tonight's program will not be televised, and promoters are confident a crowd in excess of 7,000 will contribute to gate receipts of more than $25,000. The show will be broadcast by the American Broadcasting company, with WENR as the local outlet, starting at 9 o'clock.

Kid Gavilan

Beau Jack

The Kid Arrives

Free Press Photo

Kid Gavilan (foreground) arrives from Chicago for his fight with Detroiter Lester Felton Friday night at Olympia. Traveling with him is Omelio Agramonte, also of Cuba, who will meet Mack Parshay in an eight-round heavyweight battle on the undercard.

SHORT SHOTS

Gavilan Aided by Arcel

Louis Foes Made 'Meat Man' Famous

BY TOMMY DEVINE

Ray Arcel has spent a lifetime trying to "beat the clock."

Arcel is a gaunt, gray man of 51. He's been connected with boxing for 35 years. He started as a fighter, but soon gravitated into other phases of ring work as a trainer, manager and second.

It is in the latter connection that Arcel has gained his greatest fame. He generally is rated the most efficient corner man in the game.

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THE SLENDER, soft-spoken Arcel will work Kid Gavilan's corner Friday night at Olympia when the Cuban meets Lester Felton.

Arcel has been a frequent Detroit ring visitor since back in 1924 when he brought bantamweight champion Abe Goldstein to the Fairgrounds Coliseum for a bout with Clarence Rosen. Rosen now is a Detroit referee.

It was for his unique "partnership" with Joe Louis that Arcel gained his widest acclaim, however.

When Louis was engaged in his "Bum-of-the-Month" campaign, it was Arcel's unpleasant duty to be connected with most of the Brown Bomber's opponents.

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ELEVEN TIMES Arcel stood in the corner opposite Louis. And 11 times he had to drag a prostrate fighter back to the stool and revive him after a Louis fist found its target.

"The Parade of the Fallen started with Paulino Uzcudun," Arcel relates. "Then I had George Brescia, Jack Sharkey, Natie Mann, Jimmy Braddock, John Henry Lewis, Johnny Paycheck, Al McCoy, Lou Nova and Buddy Baer twice."

For his work in picking up fighters Louis had blasted, Arcel earned the title of the "Meat Man."

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ARCEL IS A real wizard in a corner. In the 60 seconds intermission between rounds he works in whirlwind fashion to close cuts and dispense information. His fight is constantly against the clock.

Arcel's talents are in great demand. He worked with Gavilan last Friday at Chicago. Then hopped to Pittsburgh to handle Tommy Yarosz, and from there into Detroit for another session with Gavilan.

"Gavilan is an easy fellow to work with," Arcel says. "He can take a punch well and doesn't cut easily. If I work with him long enough, maybe I'll outlive the 'Meat Man' tag Louis gave me."

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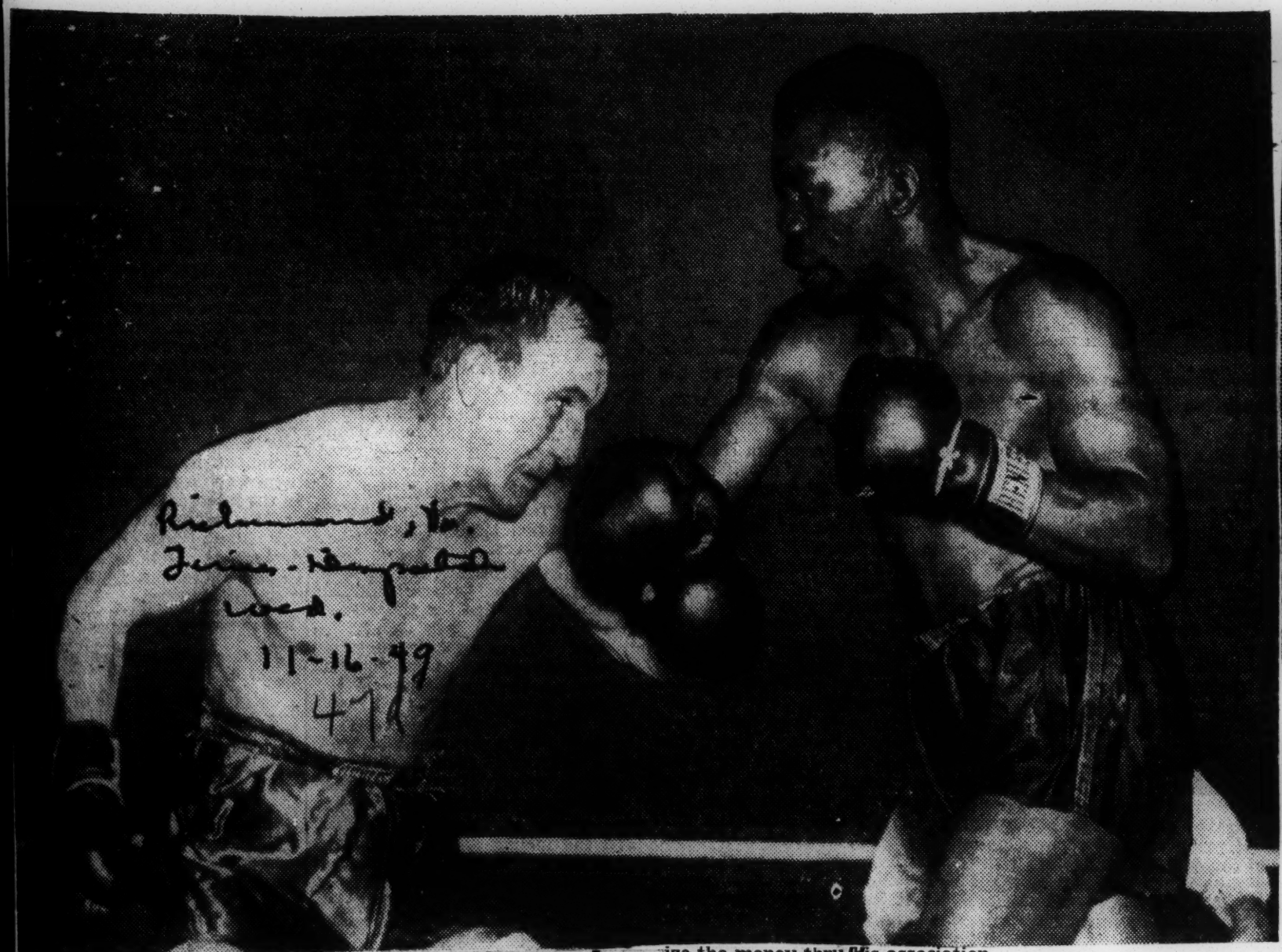
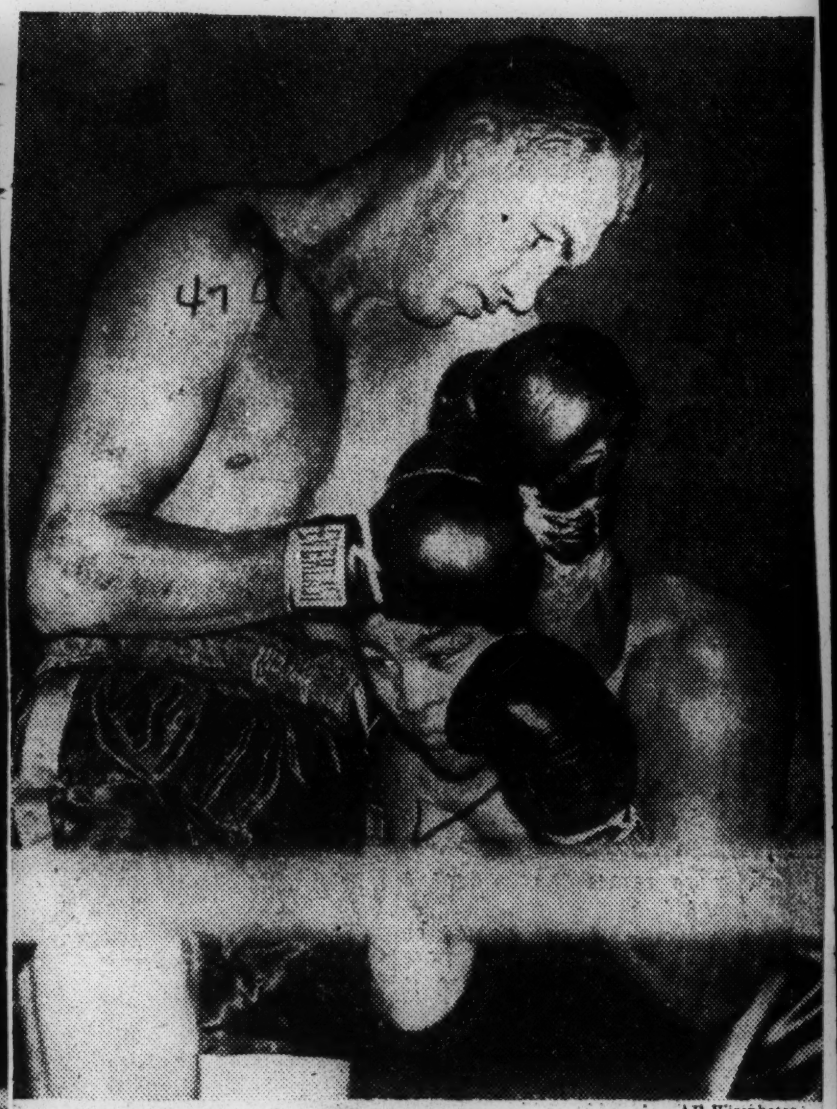
KID GAVILAN
Gives Arcel an easy time





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SHKOR BEARS IN ON LOUIS—Joe Louis (right) covers his head as he starts into a clinch after taking a left to the head from Johnny Shkor in the sixth round of their 10-round, no-decision exhibition in Boston Monday night. Above, Lightweight Champion Ike Williams (right) misses the jaw of Jean Walczak, French welterweight titleholder, in the third round of their over-the-weight scrap at Philadelphia the same night. Ike won a unanimous decision. Williams weighed 140, Walczak 145

Uncle Sam Counts 10 on Joe, So He Loads Bombs for Action

BY FRANK MASTRO

The big secret cloaking Joe Louis' periodic exhibition jaunts was unveiled yesterday after he knocked out Pat Valentino in the eighth round of a scheduled 10 round exhibition bout in Chicago Stadium Wednesday night.

Joe Louis

Fans know by now that the 35 year old Brown Bomber does not intend to seek his heavyweight crown from Ezzard Charles, the Cincinnati slugger who fell heir to it by outpointing Jersey Joe Walcott in Comiskey park last June 22.

Then why is he continuing his exhibition campaign after announcing retirement last March as undefeated champion?

Uncle Sam Is Persistent

To make money, of course—but not for himself. He is trying to earn $61,221 in back income taxes and interest, as claimed by the collector of internal revenue and not disputed by Theodore Jones, treasurer and accountant for the Joe Louis Enterprises.

Originally, Louis hoped to realize the money thru his association with the International Boxing club, of which he is a director, but Wednesday's show was the fifth straight which has lost money in the Stadium this season.

The card, which saw four of the six matches end in knockouts, attracted 5,726, largest of the present series in the big west side arena. Figures released by Gene Meaney, Illinois Athletic commission secretary, showed the gross gate was $25,514.03. The net was $19,626, of which Louis collected 35 per cent or $6,869.10.

Joe is expected to pick up a larger check wher he makes his next start against Lee Oma in Detroit next Wednesday. He wil finish his present tour in 10 rounds against Al Hoosman in Oakland, Cal., Dec. 19, and then he plans to concentrate on his I. B. C. duties until after its next show Jan. 20. On that occasion, Johnny Bratton will be featured against an opponent to be chosen, probably Tony Pellone.

Louis' match with Valentino was exciting until the fourth round when the old champion took command. The gathering showed its partiality to Louis in the first round when he landed his first good punch, a solid right to the jaw which only made his aggressive foe fight harder.

In the second, Louis' left jabs and right counters opened an old cut on Pat's left eye. Referee Davey Miller, who worked Louis' first pro fight and announced his retirement as third man in the ring after this encounter, inspected the wound, but didn't believe it serious enough to halt proceedings. Valentino then found the range with a series of hard lefts to the body which Louis didn't like.

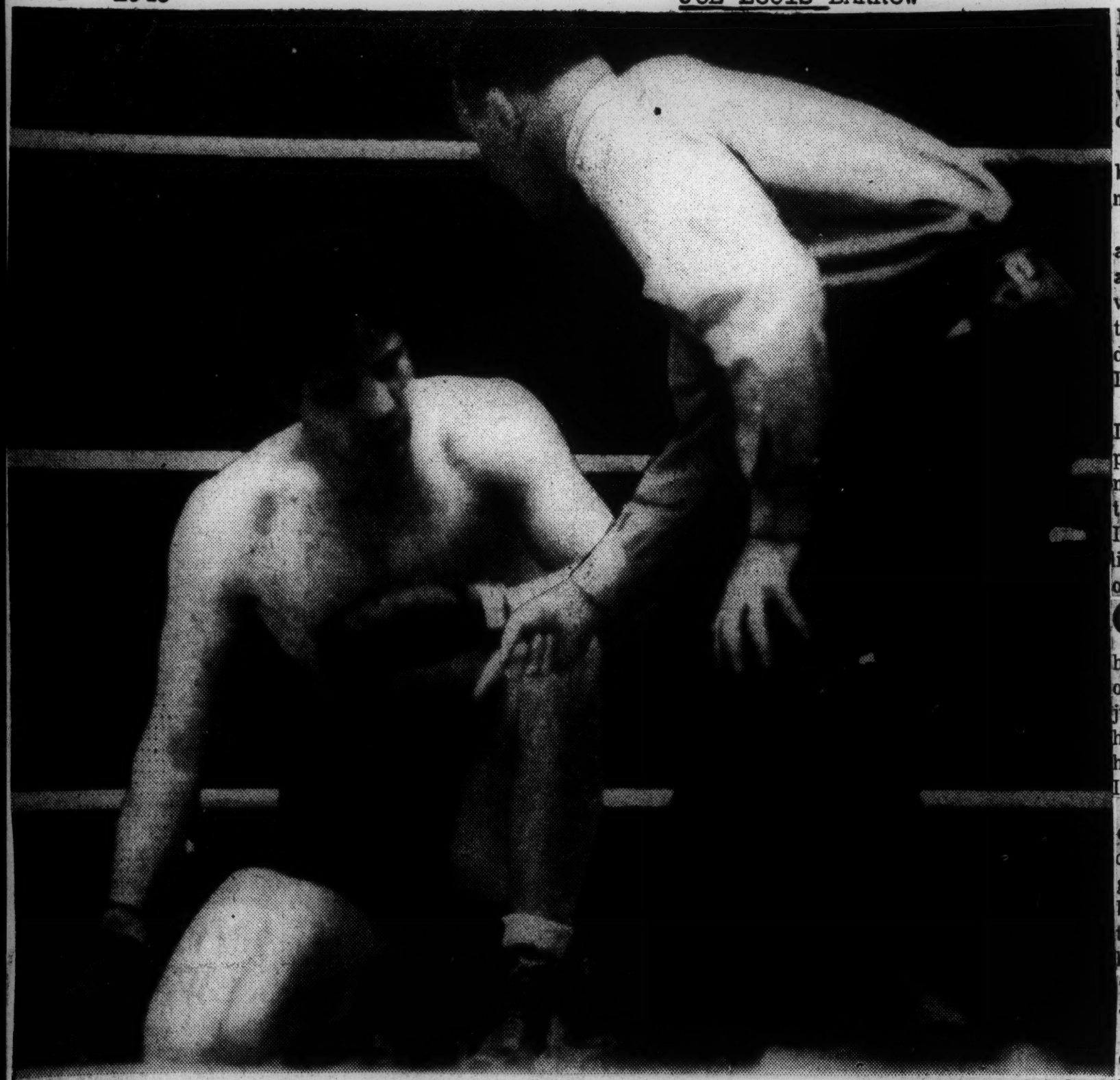
Valentino Weakens Quickly

Valentino's last good round was the third. From then on, it was just a matter of when Louis intended to end Pat's troubles. When the time finally arrived, Joe crowded Pat into the ropes, drove two rights to the ear to set him up for a left and right to the head which sent Pat crashing to the canvas for the count.

The time was 2:56, about 2 minutes 21 seconds longer than it took Charles to knock out Valentino in their title fight in San Francisco last Oct. 14.

SHOW 'EM, DADDY

Joe Louis Jr., 2½, tests Pat Valentine's muscle Tuesday, as his famed father, left, looks on. Louis and Valentine, of San Francisco, met in a 10-round, no-decision bout at Chicago Wednesday night. (Associated Press Wirephoto.)



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Max Baer Being Counted Out on One Knee in the 4th Round of His Bout With Louis in 1935

My Story . . . By Joe Louis

Max Baer's Poor Showing Surprises Louis

Eighth of 15 Installments

THE MOBS never got one cent off me. I didn't even know they had tried to cut in on me, not when it was happening. I only heard about it later. My managers just let me go ahead with my training for Carnera. Chappie Blackburn hunted around for the biggest sparring partners he could find. He figured if I was going to take on a giant he would train me on giants. The fighters he brought in were Seal Harris and Ace Clark and Leonard Dixon. Each one was bigger and heavier than me.

I worked harder for that fight than for any fight before, because they told me my first New York fight could make me or break me. I did a lot of roadwork but I had fun, too.

I like fun, but most people don't know it. I like people around me to make me laugh. When I train I like to fool around some. I like to give the foot to fellas doing road work with me. I come in off the road and pull the covers off the boys who are still in the hay when I get back. If that don't wake them I like to give them the water treatment. I get laughs out of things like that.

Come June 25 I was in good shape for Carnera. When I climbed in the ring and looked around I saw the most people I ever saw in one place at one time. There was more than 60,000. This was my first fight in New York and this was the night I remember the best in all my fighting. If you was ever a raggedy kid and you come to something like that night, you'd know. I don't thrill to things like other people, I only feel good. I felt the best that night.

CHAPPIE told me how to start. He said for me to work on Carnera's body until I had him weak there, with his guard down, before I try for his head. I got some hard ones in before the end of the first round, but mostly he just moved and feinted. Carnera tried to scare me with his weight. In the fourth round we come into a clinch and he tries some of that weight lifting on me. I got him first. I lifted him clear and swung him around.

I see his jaw come open and a funny look on his face. No one ever lifted him before, like that. Before he got his jaw closed I hit him on the head and his eyes went glassy. I got in more body punches in the next round. I hear his breath stick in his throat. He tried to cover his body. In the sixth I got the nod from Chappie. I went after Carnera's head. I got him on the jaw again and he went down. He came up slow and wobbly and I got him with a left hook and a right cross to the head, and he went down again.

He tried to pull himself up by the ring ropes, but I could see by the way his mouth worked he wasn't coming up again. When they count my end that night it was $60,000. Mr. Roxborough told me that was the biggest money ever made by a fighter who was pro less than a year.

I got a rest for a couple of weeks. Then I went to Chicago to fight King Levinsky in Comiskey Park, August 7. I didn't use more than 10 punches to put him out in one round. I come out of that fight with better than $53,000.

THEY matched me up, after that, to fight Max Baer in Yankee Stadium on September 24. I went back to Pompton Lakes and Baer went to Speculator in New York. Mr. Roxborough said he was counting on the Baer fight

for my biggest build-up because Baer only lost the heavyweight title a few months before to Jimmy Braddock.

When Baer came in the ring he looked in good shape. I felt him out with my left and a jab got his nose bleeding. He had a hard punch, but I don't know what happened to him that night. I don't call no names, but he didn't put up the fight I thought he would. He threw wild punches. He left himself wide open.

When I come in from the first round Chappie said, "You got him. Just keep up like you're doing. He won't last." Chappie was right. Baer started backing up and kept backing up, but I got to his head and his body. In the fourth he came out weak, with no fight. I got him with a hard left and a hard right. He went down and he stayed down. He was the second former champ I knocked out.

When I trained for the Ramage fight in Trafton's gym on Randolph st. in Chicago, Gerard Hughes—he's a friend—come by with Marva Trotter. She watched me work. She was a stenographer in Chicago. She'd been through high school and some college, but we got along good.

I didn't do much talking, but I could make her laugh, and I like people who laugh easy. I took her to a banquet in the Grand Hotel and we danced good together. She said I had good rythm. I told her about my fighting and asked her could she come out to my mother's new house in Detroit, for a visit. I fixed it so she could live at Mr. Roxborough's. My mother and my sister Vunies took to her right off.

WE TALKED about getting married. I told her Mr. Roxborough and Mr. Black and the writers said I would get to be something big in fighting. I said if she married me, I would get her everything—cars, houses and clothes. She talked it over with her mother—she was in a family of 10 children—and her mother said it would be all right, but her mother died before we were married.

Her brother, the Rev. Walter Trotter, was the preacher at our wedding. It was a few hours before I went out to fight Max Baer. We were staying at 381 Edgecombe ave. in Harlem then. The halls were filled with reporters and camermen, and lots of neighbors. I couldn't come through the crowd to Lucille Armstead's apartment, where Marva was, so I came down by the fire escape from the fifth floor. We had the wedding in Lucille's place. Marva saw me beat Baer that night. We had a little party, nothing special.

We went back to Chicago after I beat Baer. Ten thousand people stood in the street around the house. They cheered and hollered until Marva and me came out on the porch.

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I DIDN'T like that, but we had to show. I threw my hat down to the crowd and there was a fight for it, for a good-luck souvenir. Marva and me had to stay pretty close to the house. When we went out we drew crowds.

Marva and me didn't have much honeymoon, not until we went to Europe in 1948. We had just a few days together, then I went to New York to train for the Paolino Uzcudun fight, December 13. Chappie worked me pretty hard for that one.

This Uzcudun was a croucher, hard to hit. I opened him with left jabs. In the fourth I hit him with a right. Writers said that was the hardest I ever hit a man. It busted Uzcudun's face right open. I was glad the referee stopped the fight.

Max Schmeling told sportswriters he had noticed something that night. He didn't say what, but he meant I dropped my left when I threw a hard right. He used that tip-off against me in our first fight. I'll come around to telling about that fight, but it's one of the things I like most to forget.

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(TOMORROW—WHY JOE LOST THE FIRST SCHMELING FIGHT.)

JOE LOUIS BARROW

My Story . . . By Joe Louis

'Buddy Baer Was the Only Fighter Ever Cut Me'

(13th of 15 Installments)

IN 1939 I beat John Henry Lewis. John Henry was my friend. I didn't want that fight. He was a good boxer, but when he come against me he was finished. It was only that his manager and the sportswriters forced it on me. They wrote and built it up that I wouldn't fight another Negro. I knocked him out in the first round. Three months later I beat Jack Roper in Los Angeles, and then I beat Tony Galento in four rounds in New York.

I got a second fight with Bob Pastor in Detroit in September 1939. Blackburn said to make him carry the fight to me this time, and I did. He got in some good punches and Chappie didn't like it. When it got to the tenth and Pastor was still in there, Chappie gave me sharp talk. I knocked Pastor out in the eleventh. That's the way Chappie was at a fight.

We'd talk things over. I'd say, "I think I can reach this man with a right hand now," and he'd say, "I think so too"; or I'd say, "I think I'll try a feint," and he'd say, "Okay." Whatever Chappie told me, it always came out right.

My toughest fight was my first Billy Conn fight, and it was the first time I had a real argument with Chappie. Sportswriters came down from Billy's camp and told me he would be fast because he was figuring to come in the ring at around 175 pounds. When I heard that, I got my weight down to 199 by drying out two days before the fight. I didn't drink anything.

Chappie said it would leave me weak. He wanted me to weigh 202 to 203 in the ring. I was stubborn. He was right and I was wrong. In the ring my strength went fast. When Billy was still in there with me in the twelfth Chappie and Mannie Seamon said, "You got to knock this guy out. You're losing on points." In the thirteenth I put a hard right over and he went out. I almost lost the title that night. I never argued with Chappie again.

There were lots of fights I didn't feel too good. In my first fight with Arturo Godoy in New York on February 9, 1940, I really logged it.

I DIDN'T feel peppy, Godoy had a funny crouch and he was hard to hit, but that wasn't all that was wrong. I had no heart for fighting that night. That's why he stayed 15 rounds. I asked Mr. Roxborough right after that fight to get Godoy for me again. On June 20 that year I took six rounds to open him up and knocked him out in the eighth. I had to do that to square myself for my bad fight with him.

After the Conn and Godoy fights I wanted to lay up a while, but Mike Jacobs wanted me to fight Lou Nova and I said I would. I knocked him out in six rounds in September 1941. In my fight in Washington in May with Buddy Baer that year he put me over the ropes in the first round. He could hit. I knocked him down three times in the sixth.

HE claimed my last punch came after the bell. His manager wouldn't leave the ring when they rang for the seventh. That disqualified him and they gave me the fight. That Buddy Baer was the only fighter ever cut me. He opened my left eye with a right that night. No other fighter marked me like that, not even Max Schmeling.

I fought Buddy Baer again in January 1942 in Madison Square Garden. The money was for Navy Relief. Chappie Blackburn was real sick then. His heart was giving out on him. When we went out to the ring I told him, "You won't have to climb these steps but once tonight, Chappie. I'll make this one short." Mr. Wendell Willkie made a speech about me risking my title for my country and the people cheered. I knocked Baer out in the first round. Chappie didn't have to climb those steps no second time that night.

I WAS registered for the draft with Chicago Local Board 8 in 1940. I tried to get the registration transferred to New York, but

The Washington

CHAMP UPENDED IN D. C.—If you saw the Joe Louis-Buddy Baer bout at Griffith Stadium in 1940 you'll quickly recall this scene. Here, Louis tumbles through the ropes in the first round, but Joe got back in the ring and flattened Baer five rounds later

they wouldn't have it that way. Mr. Walter White of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People—he's a good friend—and Mrs. Roosevelt talked a lot about using me in the Army for morale. There was some talk I could have a commission. It came up then and a couple of times later, but I didn't want it. I didn't want anything special. I just wanted to be a GI. I went out on a boxing exhibition tour for the Army.

I MADE six or seven Army camps and boxed for the boys. Three days after the second Buddy Baer fight I volunteered for Army service and they took me. I went out to Camp Upton on Long Island with a lot of reporters and photographers. I didn't like that. I wanted to go in quiet, like all the other boys, but Army Public Relations said it was good for morale to let them write all about me going in the service. They asked me in camp what branch I thought I'd want.

I PICKED the Cavalry because I liked horses all my life. In June they sent me out to Fort Riley in Kansas and I took my basic there same as anybody. I was there until August when the Army sent me on a boxing tour.

That's where I ran into things that hurt. Like I said, I never knew about race when I was a boy in Alabama. I never went places where the prejudice came up. All through my fighting I kept out of it because Mr. Roxborough told me about Jack Johnson's mistakes and things like that. In the Army I went the same way, but I figured I'm an American fighting for my country like any GI. I figured if I am fighting for a cause and the cause is freedom to keep men equal, I got to stand up for it.

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(Louis devotes tomorrow's chapter to his toughest fight—with Jim Crow.)

My Story . . . By Joe Louis

Joe Louis Spent His Childhood Days Just 'Pickin' Cotton and Eatin' Good'

Washington Post
Mon 9-23-49

MY MOTHER says I was a worse crybaby than any of her others. I would holler longer and louder when she had to whip me, or when I'd stub my toe. She remembers I was 11 months old before I got around on my own legs. That was slow for a Barrow. My brothers and sisters walked sooner. I didn't ail much. My only sickness was earache when I was 6 or 7 years old and I could always eat hearty. I never tried athletics as a boy; had no hankering for it. First time I ever did was a little while after we moved North. I won the shot-put throw in a field meet at Belle Isle when I was about 12 years old.

When I got to be champion the writers made a lot of how hard it was to get me to talk. My mother said she could have told them I was no different when I was a kid. She said I couldn't make my words come clear like my brothers and sisters. When I went to school the teacher made me say my words over and over, and by-and-by I got stubborn, I guess, and wouldn't say them at all. My mother says I came home and told her I wouldn't go back to school because they made me say my words over. Other kids didn't have to do that.

IT GOT to be my habit not to talk much, even out of school. My mother says I was different from the other Barrows that way. I played by myself. I hunted join-y snakes. Down there they said if you cut these little snakes apart in the swamps, they would join together by themselves and be a whole snake again. I was too young to work in the crops, then, but I fed the chickens and the hogs, and sometimes I picked a little cotton.

When I was about 6 years old we moved into another sharecrop shack deeper in the Buckalew Mountains. It was a little place you won't find on maps. It was Mount Sinai, just a few miles from the house where I was born. Somehow what I remember most was how cold I used to get. We didn't wear shoes much and we kept our good clothes for Sundays. We had only kerosene lamps in the shack, and at night it would look broody. I liked to be alone. I fussed when my mother made me sleep with my brothers, three in a bed.

IN Mount Sinai, I think, our shack was a gray plank house on the Waltons' plantation on the road to Waverly. My older sister Eulalia, would walk me and my younger sister, Vunies, to the school in Mount Sinai Baptist Church. I had got in the habit of stammering by then, and I wouldn't talk much because other kids made fun of it. When Eulalia walked back home, Vunies would go into the school, but I'd skip.

I would go in the swamp for join-y snakes. In summer I knew a swimming hole and places to fish. I played a little baseball, but not much. I liked to play in the cotton with little Pat Brooks. He was my age. We got along good when his daddy married my mother. We liked to lay in the cotton when it went to the cotton gin. The mules would go slow down the dirt road and we would bounce on the cotton in the cart. On hot days we would fill a bucket at the well, and me and Pat would catch hold of the handle and carry cold water into the crops. The older children, and my mother and stepfather, would drink the water out of the dipper. Those tin dippers had long handles. They cost only 5c at the store. Sometimes I washed the floor for my mother. I liked for her to tell me I did it good.

Wide World Photo

Since childhood, eating has been one of Joe's favorite sports. Here he samples fried chicken while training for his title fight against Jimmy Braddock 12 years ago

Mon 9-23-49

MY MOTHER thought I might be good at music, I don't know why. Only thing I ever played on down there in Alabama was a "juice" harp. I wasn't good at it. All the kids played "juice" harps, even the white Langley twins. Their father owned most of the land around there. When I was in the Army and went into Chambers County for a visit in the old places I called on Mr. Langley and he told me one of the twins was a flier. He had been shot down, and the Japs had him in a prison. I never did learn if he ever got back home again.

Some people think I spend too much time now in pleasure. Maybe so. But when I was a kid in Alabama there wasn't much a sharecropper's boy could do for pleasure. Soon as he got old enough he worked in the fields, sunup to sundown. Nights you stayed around the house and went to bed early because all hands had to be up again for the next day's work. The most pleasure I remember from my Alabama days was driving into Camp Hill on Saturdays with my stepfather. Camp Hill was a town with stores along the main street.

MY stepfather gave us lots of father talk but he'd let us go pretty far before he put a hand to us—and he'd put it to his own Pat quick as he would to me. He was left-handed, I remember, and he could really lay it in there. We ate good on the farm—lots of corn, potatoes, bacon and chicken and fish. We never starved. But what I remember about those Saturday nights waiting out in the wagon, he would bring Pat and me cheese and crackers, and that made a kind of a holiday. We had to stay in the wagon. He was strict about that. Didn't want us getting into trouble.

Kids who lived down there in the back country didn't have much, but they kept happy. We never saw a movie 'til we came to Detroit. The best times we had was egg hunting around Easter and the main thing was to hang up your socks by the fire come Christmas. We knew about Santa Claus but we didn't have Christmas trees like they do up North. What you'd find in your stocking would be apples and oranges and big red peppermint candy.

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(Louis discusses his first fight—"gang fights with kids"—in tomorrow's installment.)

JOE LOUIS BARROW

Louis Retirement Sets Off Struggle for Control of Title

Washington Post 3-2-49

New York, March 2 (AP).—Joe Louis' retirement as heavyweight champion today set the stage for a tremendous promotional battle over control of the abdicated throne and the prestige and huge profits that go with it.

At stake is not only the millions that go with promoting heavyweight title fights and the money harvested from fight movies but the unknown riches that may be tapped by television.

It also may result in the shifting of the boxing spotlight from its long-time center in New York to Chicago and possibly London. Chicago's central location makes it an ideal spot for the televising of fights when video goes coast-to-coast.

London figures in the contention because of Promoter Jack Solomons' hold on two world titles and his latest bid for the heavyweight crown.

Squared off for the conflict are three, and possibly four, moneyed organizations.

They are:

1. The newly formed International Boxing Club to be run by Louis, James D. Norris, one of the world's biggest grain operators and stadium owner, and Arthur M. Wirtz, partner with Sonja Hiene in ice shows, a wholesale liquor company and vast Chicago real estate properties.

2. The Tournament of Champions, Inc., backed by rich radio, television and entertainment interests. The T. of C. is controlled by the Columbia Broadcastng System, Music Corporation of America, a giant organization in the entertainment field, and Allied Syndicates, which is a public relations firm. David Charney of Allied Syndicates is president of the T. of C.

3. Solomons, the British promoter. Solomons, built up a fortune selling fish and as a bookmaker. He promoted the Gus Lesnevich-Freddie Mills light-heavyweight championship fight in London last summer and now controls the 175-pound title with Mills, and the flyweight championship with Rinty Monaghan.

4. The Twentieth Century Sporting Club, allied with Madison Square Garden, in promoting fights in Madison Square Garden and outdoor shows in Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds.

The big "if" there is whether Promoter Mike Jacobs will carry out his decision to retire and whether Madison Square Garden will continue in partnership with an outfit whose chief asset was Joe Louis.

Jacobs, still convalescing from a stroke suffered over two years ago, parlayed his connection with Louis into an almost monopolistic hold on bigtime boxing in this country.

But Jacobs' empire slowly has been crumbling. A year ago the T. of C. muscled into the picture by staging two middleweight championship fights in New Jersey.

Today it has an exclusive contract with Marcel Cerdan, the world middleweight champion from France. It runs weekly indoor shows at the small indoor Manhattan Center in New York. It is dickering for the use of the Polo Grounds in New York in order to run outdoor shows this summer.

If the T. of C. gains the use of the Polo Grounds it will mean the end of Jacobs' stranglehold on New York's two biggest outdoor arenas. For years the Twentieth C. S. C. has held the exclusive right to promote fights at both ball parks.

Here is the way these organizations figure in the tangled heavyweight situation:

Louis' group received permission from the National Boxing Association to promote a 15-round bout in June between Negroes Ezzard Charles of Cincinnati and Jersey Joe Walcott of Camden, N. J., the winner to be recognized as NBA champion.

Solomons and Bill Daly, manager of Contender Lee Savold, closed a deal over the transatlantic telephone today for the Paterson, N. J., boxer to oppose the winner of the Mills-Bruce Woodcock bout in London, in August or September. The victor of the last match also will claim the world's championship.

Woodcock, the European and British Empire heavyweight champion, and Mills, world light-heavyweight king, are scheduled to meet in London, June 2.

The Tournament of Champions sent telegrams and cables to Charles, Savold, Walcott, Gus Lesnevich, the former 175-pound titleholder; Mills and Joe Baksi to participate in an elimination tournament under T. of C. promotion.

As for the Twentieth Century, Jacobs, in Miami Beach, said "I'm through with promoting, I guess it looks like I have to retire."

"I have already begun to work in my new capacity as Director of Boxing for the club," Louis wrote the NBA, after his announcement: his title at least twice a year.

"Our organization has obtained the signatures of Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott on agreements to engage in a 15-round heavyweight contest this June."

"I'm glad to retire," he said, "it takes a great load off my mind. I could see that I couldn't fight any more and rather than lose the title in the ring, I decided to quit."

The Brown Bomber said his decision matured into a reality in the past 10 days.

Louis Thanks His Public, Says He Hated to Quit

Here is Joe Louis' statement to the public upon retiring as heavyweight champion:

"I have resigned my title.

"It meant so much to me, I really hated to do it.

"My new connection with Arthur M. Wirtz and James D. Norris keeps me in boxing, so this decision wasn't so hard as it might have been.

"There isn't a whole lot to say now except to thank all the fellows in the boxing game, press and photographers, the public and all the boxing commissions throughout the United States for the fine way they have treated me.

"My particular thanks go to Mike S. Jacobs and the Twentieth Century Sporting Club.

"Uncle Mike has shown a deep interest in me throughout my whole fighting career and for that I can never thank him enough.

"I couldn't close without thanking John Roxborough, Julian Black and Marshall Miles, my managers, and Mannie Seamon, my trainer and all those who have been associated with me.

"I know my mother will be happy in my final decision.

(Signed) Joe Louis."

Joe Joins Gene Tunney, Jeffries in Stepping Out

Washington Post

New York, March 1 (AP).—By naming Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott to battle it out for the "World's Championship," Joe Louis followed a precedent established by Big Jim Jeffries in 1905.

Louis, if he makes his retirement stick, will become the third heavyweight champion to retire undefeated. The others were Jeffries and Gene Tunney.

Jeffries, however, came back in 1910—five years after abdicating—and was knocked out in 15 rounds by Jack Johnson.

Jeffries stepped out as heavyweight king in 1905 because of lack of opposition. He named Marvin Hart and Jack Root as leading contenders and refereed a match between the two. Hart stopped Root in 12 rounds on July 3, 1905. Then Tommy Burns defeated Hart in 20 rounds on February 23, 1906, and naturally declared himself the champion.

Tunney knocked out Tom Heeney in 11 rounds, July 23, 1928, and a week later announced his retirement.

The championship was vacant for two years. Finally on July 12, 1930, Max Schmeling and Jack Sharkey fought, and Schmeling by winning on a fourth-round foul, was universally accepted as the world's champion.

Wash. 3-2-49

Fight Louis Group Names Site, Intimates June Date

Washington Post Thur 3-24-49

By Charles Dunkley

Chicago, March 23 (AP).—Promoter Joe Louis will stage the Ezzard Charles-Jersey Joe Walcott showdown for his vacated world's heavyweight title in Chicago—right where he won it from Jim Braddock in 1937.

The date, probably in June, and the site—either at Chicago Stadium, or one of the Major League ball parks—will be worked out by Joe's International Boxing Club with the Illinois Athletic Commission.

The selection of Chicago, over bids from Detroit, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Cincinnati, for the National Boxing Association version of the heavyweight crown, was announced at a news conference today.

New York, one of the two States outside NBA membership, has proposed an "elimination" tourney for Louis' title and will not recognize the Walcott-Charles winner as champion. Massachusetts is the other non-NBA State.

Louis Plans Detroit Bout

Louis, nattily dressed in a dark, blue double-breasted suit, also disclosed that his first promotional venture since he vacated the title on March 1, would be a bout at Detroit's Olympia the week of April 24.

Joe said he hoped to arrange a match then between featherweight Champion Willie Pep, or his recent title victim, Sandy Saddler, and "an outstanding feather performer."

Louis, although non-committal on the heavyweight title bout date, did not dodge a question on a possible June meeting.

"That month was awful good to me," grinned the 34-year-old retired champion. That's when I won the title from Braddock at Comiskey Park here—June 22 in 1937."

Thur 3-24-49

The Illinois Boxing Commission, hearing of the I. B. A. selection of Chicago, said it would call a special meeting, probably before Monday, to discuss plans for the fight.

The I. B.A., in which Arthur Wirtz and James D. Norris, Chicago Stadium and Detroit Olympia executives, are Louis' partners, has yet to obtain an Illinois license for operation. It's a foregone conclusion it will be granted by the Illinois Commission.

Indoor Scene Possible

Considering the Wirtz-Norris tieup, an indoor setting at the Chicago Stadium well might be arranged for the Walcott-Charles mix. It was at the stadium, two years ago in July, that the middleweight title bout betwee Rocky Graziano and Tony Zale lured boxing's biggest indoor gate, $432,000.

It was a foregone conclusion that Chicago would get the Walcott-Charles fight, although Louis and Wirtz said that "firm offers" by the other cities were considered. Foremost was a reported half-million-dollar bid by Sam Becker Cincinnati promoter.

Louis held court, in businessman style, at the news conference which was held at the Chicago Stadium. It was there, in 1934, that Louis launched his bid to boxing fame as a Golden Gloves light-heavyweight.

He disclosed that the IBA's office would be located at the stadium. The group, he said, will have affiliations with Becker in Cincinnati, Irv Schoenwald and Jack

Begun, pioneer Chicago promoters; Nick Londes in Detroit, and "other promoters as rapidly as possible."

Norris, slightly injured in an automobile mishap at Detroit last night, did not attend today's press session. He was, however, in telephone communication with Louis and Wirtz.

MBC Gymnasium To Bear Name Of Champion Louis

Atlanta Daily World 47

Atlanta, Ga.

By William A. Fowlkes

Joe Louis, retired and much honored world's heavyweight champion, will receive another coveted honor this afternoon at 5 o'clock when the Morris Brown College gymnasium is dedicated to him. Louis will arrive early this afternoon to participate in the festivities. Tues 6-7-49

The Louis fete today will be part of the ceremony which Morris Brown's president, Dr. W. A. Fountain, Jr., has reserved during the commencement season to pay respect to the new boxing promoter and coming business genius.

Tonight, Louis will be further honored at the banquet of the Morris Brown alumni association, which will see Robert Simmons, councilman, president of the Inkster Civic League and deputy sheriff of Wayne County and director of the Inkster Board of Education and Commissioner of Public Safety, of Detroit, as principal speaker.

CITATION WEDNESDAY

Wednesday morning, Joe Louis will receive a citation from the A. M. E. institution, during the 10 o'clock Commencement exercises. Dr. R. P. Daniel, president of Shaw University, will deliver the Commencement address. Exercises will be held in Herndon stadium.

Sunday afternoon the Morris Brown graduates heard Dr. Carlyle F. Stewart, pastor of Ebenezer Methodist Church, Detroit, deliver a brilliant Baccalaureate address on "What Is The Measure Of Life?"

Speaking to a large audience in Herndon Stadium, Dr. Stewart admonished the young graduates to "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you," from the gospel of St. Matthew.

"Seek first the Kingdom of God without which all other seeking leads but to disappointment and disillusionment," Dr. Stewart warned. "The kingdom consists not in how much we hold in our hands or have in our heads. The kingdom is in our hearts.

KINGDOM WORTHY

"We may not receive the acclaim of men. Friends may be few. We may have nothing to show for our labors but heartaches and sacrifices, but we have found a kingdom worthy of all our struggles."

"At another point, the speaker advised: "Life at its highest and best is taking things to heart and doing something about it." Tues 6-7-49

"Men must go on seeking hidden truths in the world's greatest storehouse until all men everywhere know the truth. And yet education of itself is not enough. And education or knowledge may not only lead to life, but may bring death. To us an exacting school master, and often marks failures on the slate of our efforts."

Looking back on his school days of twenty years ago, the speaker took occasion to reminisce upon things and events, paying tribute to those instructors who meant so much to him and whose wisdom then stood him against the evil days since graduation. "My subject," he said, "is today taken from the oft repeated quotation of the late Prof. E. Luther Brookes, whom I remember fondly and respectfully."

Concluding, he said to the candidates for graduation: "There are many people who are getting an education but who have no intention of using that education for the solution of the world's problems. But, if we are to be effective, then our intellectuals must identify themselves with the struggles of the people."

Praise Heaped On Louis At M.B.C. Gymnasium Dedication

Daily World Atlanta Ga. wed. 6-8-49

Hundreds Literally Mob Hero; Exercises Continue Today

BY WILLIAM A. FOWLKES

Hundreds of hero-worshipping Atlantans Tuesday almost mobbed Joe Louis at the close of an outstanding program dedicating the Morris Brown gymnasium to him and his fistic-racial relations achievements.

They rushed him for autographs and the opportunity to touch his snowy white linen suit after leaders of the community paid tribute to his character and the glowing successes he scored during his long reign as heavyweight champion of the world.

Ever-modest Joe took the praises, a plaque and an expensive watch in the same stride he took the foes who dared face his lethal fists and baffling style in the prizefighting ring.

Louis said amid thanks: "I feel like I've won another victory today." Daily World

They came from every walk of civic life in Georgia's Gate City to pay tribute to the fighter who met them all and to see Morris Brown's gym dedicated to an inspiration of Negro youth.

"GREATEST" INSPIRATION

Delivering the dedicatory address, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., prelate of Georgia African Methodists, said Louis was one of the greatest contemporary inspirations to Negro youth, that he had shown the world through prowess that there is no physical difference between people. The example by which Louis convinced youth he could win, without too much talk, was cited by the speaker as a contribution far surpassing the most learned and degree-titled folk.

Atlanta, Ga.

S. W. Dobbs, Prince Hall Masonic Grandmaster, praised Louis as a great character, a great soul and "the greatest heavyweight champion that ever lived." Emphasizing that "Louis sidestepped nobody" during his long reign as champion, Mr. Dobbs pointedly gave the story of heavyweight pugilistic history while reciting Ric Roberts' "Murder Done In Brown." Wed. 6-8-49

C. A. Scott, Editor and General Manager of the Atlanta Daily World said the press had graciously given millions of words and hundreds of pictures to the fighting genius of Joe Louis, idol of his people.

CHOICE URGED

W. H. Aiken, contractor and builder, called on his listeners to stop, think and make a new appraisal of values said Louis rated as a greater example of racial good will and inspiration "than any Ph. D. in the United States." Mr. Aiken advised youth to "choose something you can do and do it best" and the world forget color within the framework of democracy.

Prof. C. L. Gideons, principal of David T. Howard High School, stated that 20,000 Negro school children in Atlanta had been inspired by the fistic teachings of Joe Louis and the example of W. A. Fountain Jr., in building up Morris Brown College.

L. D. Milton, president of Citizens Trust Company, said youth and the Negro race should learn from Louis who taught a lesson of getting things done."

W. J. Shaw, businessman, saw in the dedication of the gymnasium a another evidence of accomplishment in Negro enterprise, respect and inspiration stemming from the spread of business ideas from the Auburn Avenue center.

B. T. Harvey, commissioner of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, predicted that the progress of athletic emphasis in the section would lead to a decrease in juvenile delinquency.

JOBS FOR JUSTICE

A. P. Graves, represented the Morris Brown College Athletic Association in welcoming the throng to the gymnasium and stating that Joe Louis' every blow during his fight career was a "jab for justice."

Coach Frank Forbes, of Morehouse, brought greetings from his institution. He considered Louis an eternal source of youth inspiration.

A. J. Lockhart, Morris Brown Athletic Director, presided over the program of dedication. At the outset he pointed out that the affair was an "unusual occasion which attested the international character true sportsmanship and fairplay" of the honoree.

The gymnasium which was used for the first time last Fall, was decorated with paintings and flags prepared by the Morris Brown Art Department. President Fountain expressed appreciation for the cooperation of all who made the occasion a success.

PRESENTATION

Radio Station WEAS presented Louis with a handsome plaque, while J. L. Holloway, jeweler, presented him a watch of high value and beauty.

This morning during the 10 o'clock Commencement exercises, Louis will receive a citation from Morris Brown for outstanding service in sports and promotion of racial understanding. Dr. R. P Daniel, president of Shaw University will deliver the commencement address to the graduates in Herndon Stadium.

Alumni banquet was held Tuesday night.

Council Seeks to Name Pool for Joe Louis

Detroit Free Press

Detroit Mich

Common Council recommended that a swimming pool to be constructed at the old Detroit Tennis Club be named in honor of Joe Louis. Wed 6-8-49

The Council asked the Dept. of Parks and Recreation to consider the name because of the ex-heavyweight champion's good sportsmanship. Louis used to live in the neighborhood.

The new pool will be bounded by Frederick, Kirby, Brush and Beaubien Sts.

GYM DEDICATION — Retired heavyweight champion Joe Lois expresses his appreciation following the dedicatory ceremonies at Morris Brown College.

The recently completed gymnasium was dedicated in his honor. Those on the platform included R. M. Shaw, J. W. Dobbs, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., C. L. Gideons, W. A. Fountain, Jr., Ben Gunn, L. D. Milton, and W. H. "CHIEF" Aikens. — (Perry Photo).

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Joe Louis (Retired)

On The OTHER HAND

By JOHN MAYNARD

The recent, somewhat dizzying departure of Joe Louis from the physical, or participant, branch of heavyweight boxing presently will be spoken of here and there as striking one of those recurrent death blows at the "sport."

This it will not do because prizefighting is tougher to kill than a rattlesnake, but it will almost certainly introduce a period of doldrums during which a number of mediocrities named Lee, Ezzard and Gus will flail one another around for what will eventually be called the championship.

That much is clear. But Louis' zigging and zagging is next to unfathomable.

Then He Unretired

Commendably enough, he "retired" after unimpressively tagging Walcott for 10 in their second fight.

He then unretired.

He then retired again.

And only a few days ago, he announced his decision to carry on with what must surely be one of the most amazing statements in the records of Statements—Amazing or Otherwise.

He said, with what will have to be assumed to be a game lifting of the chin, that he had always hoped to lose the title the way he had won it—in the ring.

That remark is so totally unlike Louis—or unlike anyone except the dimmest witted of the none too bright Rover Boys—that it is barely credible, and indeed would not be so had not Louis let it go undenied.

Redundant Sound

Inasmuch as titles are rarely won any place but in the ring, it has a foolishly redundant sound in the first place. In the second place, its tag, or wrap-up clause, is staggering. Why should Louis want to lose his title in the ring? Why not retire undefeated?

I know, of course, why he might find it incumbent to fight again and so do you, but whence this luscious slab of double-talk?

It's hard to say who is putting words in Joe's mouth these days, but if I were Joe I would edit him pretty carefully.

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Meanwhile, veteran jumpers to conclusions might like to conclude at this point that the inevitable geographical schism waiting on the new setup might be Chicago's clew to yell for recognition as the new fight center.

The New York mob—and I use the word with the greatest of care—appears finally to have taken one in the breadbasket, and Chicago is the heir apparent.

Keep 'em away from here.

"I'm still head of 20th Century and I plan to stay there."

Markson quickly emphasized that Jacobs will be active in any promotions put on by 20th Century.

Let Chicago be welcome.

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As a matter of fact, if Chicago will be so kind as to form our line of first defense against the manly art of same, I will show them a way out of the major dilemma, briskly titled "Who Except Louis?"

Simple Syllables

It comes in three simple, economy-size syllables, to-wit, "Billy Conn," and ought to solve everything.

This, as you surely remember, is the same Conn who, after the second Louis "fight," remarked ruefully and contemptuously that he could plough up any of the field but Louis, but he couldn't lick Louis, so what was the use?

It is also the same Conn who repeatedly has been rumored eager to come back whenever the circumstances seemed right.

Well—he can and they are. What's everybody waiting for?

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Make no mistakes, Conn is a whole class above every other fighter now a "candidate."

He showed it in the first Louis scuffle, and I don't care how far back he's gone since then, he hasn't gone back as far as Gus Lesnevich and Lee Savold.

That first one with Louis was the parallel without flaw to the classic go between the Mongoose and the Cobra until right at the end, when the Cobra tipped over the rulebook by winning.

Conn—Come Out!

The Mongoose moved in, goading the Cobra to strike, drew the strike, moved away from it, moved in faster than you can see while the Cobra coiled again, himself struck, moved away, moved in a second time. The Cobra must tire.

But grew careless and overconfident, moved too close, and—to forsake the analogy for a second—was caught by the fastest and most terrible pair of hands in boxing history. The Cobra had not tired, after all. Conn stood halt for a full second, bending forward a trifle, his eyes suddenly vague, and you knew it was over.

But until then it was Conn's fight, and against anybody on hand today it still would be. Come out, come out, wherever you are, Kid, and resolve the confusion. But for Chicago—not us.

Louis Swings Deal With New Champ'

MIAMI, March 2.—(INS)—Joe Louis said today he already has arranged for a two-year contract with the winner of a proposed title bout between Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott.

The former heavyweight champion, who gave up his crown yesterday to turn promoter, returned to Miami this afternoon from an exhibition match in Nassau. He hinted the new International Boxing Club he directs is moving fast to corner the heavyweight market.

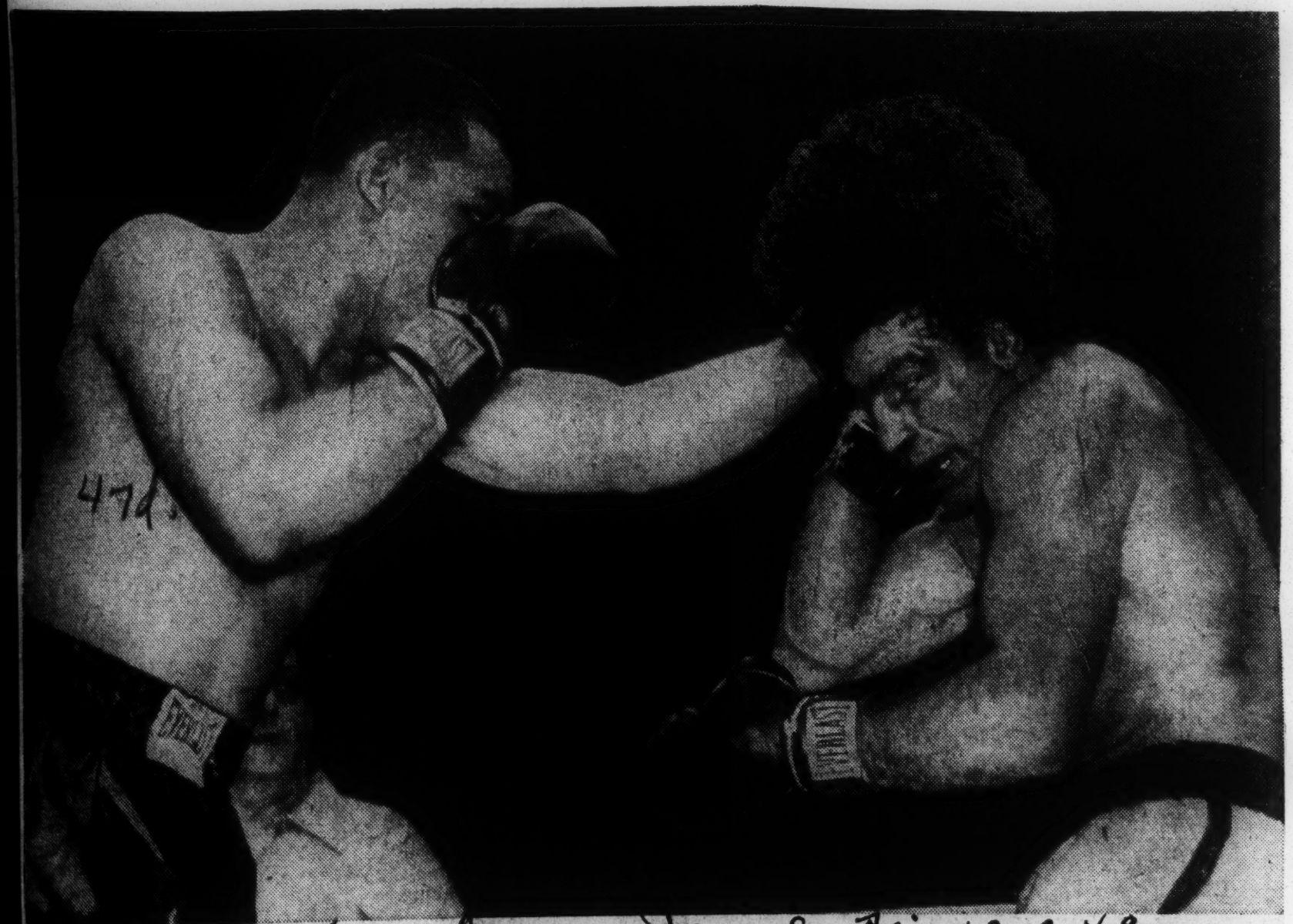
Louis is slated for exhibition matches in Havana, Cuba, later this week.

Even as Louis was returning to Miami his former bosses of the 20th Century Sporting Club were mapping plans to fight the ex-champ's efforts to take the lead away from them in the boxing promotion business.

Harry Markson and Sol Strauss conferred lengthily with Mike Jacobs at his winter home in Miami Beach last night and this morning.

Before Markson and Strauss left for New York this afternoon, Markson said the 20th Century "has plans in the making." He didn't elaborate.

Jacobs emphatically denied published reports that he plans to retire from boxing promotion. He said:



RETREAT IS ON—Pat Valentino (right) of San Francisco tried to dodge a left from Joe Louis in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-round exhibition at Chicago Wednesday night. Louis knocked out Valentino in the eighth round. Associated Press Wirephoto

Manager Withdraws Lee Oma; Says Louis' Fights Are 'Real'

By MURRAY ROSE

New York, Dec. 8 (AP)—Joe Louis is fighting "real fights and throwing bombs," said Manager Tex Sullivan today and promptly pulled his heavyweight contender, Lee Oma, out of a scheduled exhibition with the retired champion.

"Exhibitons, nuts!" shrieked Sullivan. "They're not exhibitions, they're real wars. Look what happened to Pat Valentino in Chicago last night. Louis busted him up and knocked him out in eight rounds.

"Valentino said Louis is a much better fighter than Ezzard Charles (the N.B.A. champion). He hits harder. People are wondering whether Louis will make a comeback. Take it from me, he's already come back.

"That guy is in there throwing bombs. Look what he did to Johnny Flynn in Kansas City. They were fights, not exhibitions.

"And ask any heavyweight what's the difference between eight-ounce gloves and 10-ounce gloves when big guys fight," Sullivan continued. "They'll tell you none.

Make Some Big Money

"If we meet Louis, let's advertise it as a real fight, for that's what it will be," said Sullivan. "Then we can make some big money instead of $28,000 gates like in Chicago. I'll guaranteed Louis 33 per cent of a $100,000 gate if he'll take on Oma in Buffalo."

Oma, the erratic playboy battler who now lives in Newark, N. J., was slated to go 10 rounds with the Brown Bomber in a no-decision exhibition in Detroit next Wednesday.

But Sullivan, after taking one look at Valentino's battered face in the newspapers, said he immediately wired Detroit matchmaker Nick Londes taht "Oma was pulling out."

Louis, who was about to board a train in Chicago for Detroit late this afternoon, said:

"I figure he'd do that when he learned of the Valentino knockout."

The Bomber, in a hurry to get aboard the train, did not elaborate.

Londes, in Detroit, said Oma "is under contract to box Louis here and if he's not going to come that's a problem for the State Boxing Commission. It would be out of my hands."

Michigan Boxing Commissioner Floyd Stevens was not immediately available for comment.

Sullivan, advised of Londes' statement, declared "let them do what they want. Oma is not going there to meet Louis."

OutPointed Beshore

Oma has won his last 11 bouts. He outpointed Freddie Beshore of San Francisco in his last outing in Buffalo two days ago. It was his first fight since he defeated Enrico Bertola in October.

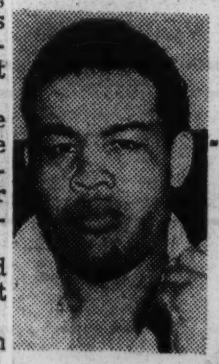
Bertola, of Italy, died the next day from head injuries suffered in the fight.

VALENTINO AND LOUIS TRADE BLOWS TONIGHT

Exhibition Heads Stadium Card

BY FRANK MASTRO

Joe Louis will continue his series of 10 round exhibition bouts in a match with Pat Valentino, San Francisco Italislugger, in Chicago Stadium tonight under auspices of the International Boxing club. It will be the 35 year old Brown Bomber's fourth start since Nov. 14 when he returned to action after retiring as heavyweight championship last spring.



Joe Louis

Louis insists that his current tour doesn't necessarily mean that he intends to make an effort to regain the title, subsequently won by Ezzard Charles, in a meeting with the Cincinnati puncher next summer, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

Charles Won in Eighth

Charles successfully defended his laurels by knocking out Valentino in the eighth round in San Francisco, after trailing on points in the previous rounds.

"I just want to better Charles' record against Valentino," Joe says, "even tho the gloves will weigh 10 ounces."

Size of gloves in a regulation contest in Illinois is 8 ounces, the weight to be used in five supporting fights on the card, one each at eight and four rounds and three at six.

Needs Good Showing

Valentino, who expects to weigh 186 pounds, is equally confident of eluding Louis knockout punches. I. B. C. officials have promised Pat a shot at Roland La Starza in Madison Square Garden next month if he makes a good showing against Louis. La Starza is being pointed for a championship event with Charles in New York in February.

Louis said he will weigh about 223, but his official weight will not be announced.

James D. Norris, I. B. C. president, has announced that the show will not be televised or broadcast. Thus, the promoters are making arrangements to handle a crowd of more than 5,000 and gate receipts exceeding $25,000.

The main bout will start at 10 o'clock; preliminaries at 8:30 p. m. The card:

Joe Louis, Chicago, vs. Pat Valentino, San Francisco [10].
John Holman, Chicago, vs. Willie Bean, Los Angeles [8].
Dale Hall, Los Angeles, vs. Tex Boddie, Omaha [6].
Mike Buha, St. Louis, vs. Billy Sherman, Detroit [6].
Stanley Goltz, Dayton, vs. Tony Gallo, Detroit [6].
John Hardy, Milwaukee, vs. Charley Roth, Akron, O. [4].

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Joe Louis

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A future champ? The heredity's there. It's Little Joe and Big Joe, Louis in each case. It's the first time Joe Jr. has had on gloves and he steps in ring with his dad, in training for exhibition fight with Pat Valentino in Stadium Wednesday.

SHERMAN BOXES BROWN TONIGHT

South Side Welterweight Faces Tough Foe

BY FRANK MASTRO

George Sherman, inconsistent south side welterweight, will have to be in top form if he expects to beat Pennington Brown of St. Louis in a 10 round bout tonight in Marigold Gardens, Broadway and Grace st. Sherman scored a unanimous decision in 10 rounds over Vince Turpin of Akron in his most recent fight.

However, Brown, making his Chicago debut, comes with an impressive record. For example, in 10 fights last year he was undefeated, scoring seven victories and three draws.

Billy Creech, west side lightweight, is paired with Milton Scott of Gary in a six round semi-windup on tonight's program. Three preliminary matches of four rounds have been arranged. These will pit Tony Spano, west side junior lightweight, against Russ McKinney, Indianapolis; Dale La Bounty, Gary 135 pounder, against Billy Cobb, also of Chicago, and Milton Newman, south side heavyweight, against Leon McClinton, Chicago.

Joe Louis and Pat Valentino will end boxing drills in Issy Kline's gymnasium in the Midwest Athletic club this afternoon for their 10 round bout in Chicago Stadium Wednesday night. Louis is to spar four rounds in his final workout, while his opponent from San Francisco plans to go six or seven.

Gentlemen's Agreement

For a year, Joe Louis' friends had been telling him it was time to quit. Joe just scratched his head (balding on top) and kept everybody guessing. Then he discovered a way of leaving the ring the way he came into it—with a bang—and without saying goodbye.

In Miami last week, the 34-year-old heavyweight champion gave up the title he had defended 25 times in nearly twelve years and announced that he had turned promoter. His first venture, he said, would be a world's heavyweight championship bout between Jersey Joe Walcott and Cincinnati's Ezzard Charles, probably in Chicago, in June. Big Joe added that the match had the blessing of Abe Greene of Paterson, N.J., Commissioner of the National Boxing Association, and that the winner would be champion, at least in the 46 states (all but New York and Massachusetts) where N.B.A. controls fighting.

After the first shock wore off, screams were heard from as far away as London. Who did Louis think he was, anyway, dictating his own successor? The loudest screams came from Promoter Mike Jacobs, semi-retired boss of Manhattan's 20th Century Sporting Club: "I never thought he would do this to me . . . I'm getting back in harness in two weeks. We ain't conceding nothing." It was clear to him that Promoter Joe had declared war on Promoter Mike, the man who masterminded all of Louis' championship fights.

The promoting business was not all Joe's idea. Last month in Chicago's Belmont Hotel, the champ had listened and nodded as two men unfolded the details of the deal. One of them was promotion-wise Arthur M. Wirtz, co-owner of Sonja Henie's *Hollywood Ice Revue*. The other was Grain Operator James D. Norris, son of the owner of the Detroit Red Wings. They offered Joe a third interest in a new promotional firm to be called the International Boxing Club. It sounded good to Joe. Last week, the three partners met again at Norris' home in Coral Gables, Fla. and came to a gentlemen's agreement.

Despite Mike Jacobs' brave words and innate wariness, it looked like Wirtz & Co. had stolen a long lead. After nearly 35 years, control of heavyweight boxing might shift from Manhattan to the Midwest and there might be heavyweight title fights in Cleveland and Chicago for a change. But nobody knew how long it would be before the New York State Boxing Commission and the rest of the U.S. agreed on the next world champion.

SHORT SHOTS

$$$ in Ring for Joe, Not Out

BY TOMMY DEVINE

Joe Louis swapped his world heavyweight championship for a chunk of stock in the new International Boxing Club.

Now there's a strong suspicion that the Brown Bomber doubts the wisdom of the deal. The IBC has been something less than a howling financial success on its promotions in Detroit, Chicago and New York. Louis' cut, therefore, has been held to a contractual minimum.

If the IBC deal was like "rolling in the clover" for Louis, he hardly would be embarking on a series of 10-round exhibition bouts.

A year ago Louis waltzed through four-rounders and picked up an estimated $500,000. That routine hardly would have paid off again, so 10-rounders were substituted.

It is doubtful if many of the Louis' "guinea pigs" will last that long, however.

DETROIT WILL get a look at Louis on this swing, Dec. 14. Other stops already signed are Boston, Newark, Kansas City, Chicago and San Francisco. The tour will open Nov. 14 at Boston against old Johnny Skhor.

The Detroit opponent hasn't been signed. Vern Mitchell furnished the punching target in the four-rounder at Olympia last year.

Boxing observers are asking: "Is this tour a tune-up for a Louis comeback and a title fight with Ezzard Charles next June?"

Louis parries and dodges on the question. He says:

"I think that after the series of exhibitions, I could be ready for a title bout in six or eight weeks, IF I WANTED TO."

Louis

Truman Gibson, Louis' legal adviser and closest associate since the Bomber parted with John Roxborough, told me that he was sure Joe never would return to actual ring competition.

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"HE'LL BOX exhibitions, because they enable him to pick up some quick and easy cash," Gibson said. "I'm certain though he'll never try to regain the title."

Maybe not, but these are strange antics for a man in RETIREMENT, who wanted to master the promotional side of boxing and help put across a $5,000,000 IBC ring deal.

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NEXT CHAPTER: The serialized "Whodunit and What" of the Lester Felton-Kid Gavilan fight moves into another phase Saturday.

Angelo Lopez and Fernando Balido, the co-managers of the Cuban boxer, have agreed to appear for questioning by Boxing Commissioner Floyd Stevens.

Balido revealed that he would attempt to "get the decision reversed," while here. There's no chance of that happening.

Louis Drops Shkor Thrice in Exhibition

BOSTON—(AP)—Retired Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis dropped Johnny Shkor, of Boston, for three nine-counts during their lively 10-round no-decision boxing exhibition.

A cheering 8,471 crowd saw the match at the Boston Garden.

The 35-year-old Louis, weighing 229¾ pounds, had the 220-pound Shkor, six years the junior, down once in the second round and twice in the third.

Shkor dropped under two-fisted barrages to the head and body but never appeared in dire distress.

But after the sixth round the retired titlist started slowing down.

The gross gate receipts were $22,757 but Louis drew 40 per cent of the $17,342 net figures, a bit less than $7,000. Shkor's cut was $2,750.

JOE LOUIS GRIM ABOUT BATTLE WITH VALENTINO

Bomber Ready for 4th 10 Round Bout

BY FRANK MASTRO

Joe Louis, former heavyweight champion, yesterday boxed several rounds with two sparmates for his no decision bout with Pat Valentino in Chicago Stadium next Wednesday night.

The impending match will be his fourth 10 round engagement, which Chairman Joe Triner of the Illinois athletic commission insists will not be an exhibition. Triner has forbidden the use of headgears, for one thing. For another, he and his associates, Commissioners Ralph Metcalfe and Lou Radzienda, have ordered that 10 ounce gloves must be used.

No Decision Bout

"Fans are being asked to pay $10 for ringside seats," the chairman said. "We're going to see that they get what they are paying for—a contest."

It's true that no official decision will be rendered, but, as is usual in a case of this kind, a poll will be taken of the working newspaper reporters.

"What about this bout with Valentino?" Louis was asked. "Is it true that you're going to deviate from your previous idea of allowing your opponents to go the 10 round limit with you and try for a knockout this time?"

"I'm going to try to knock out Valentino in faster time than I did Ezzard [Ezzard Charles, Joe's successor as champion]," Louis said.

Boxed 30 Rounds

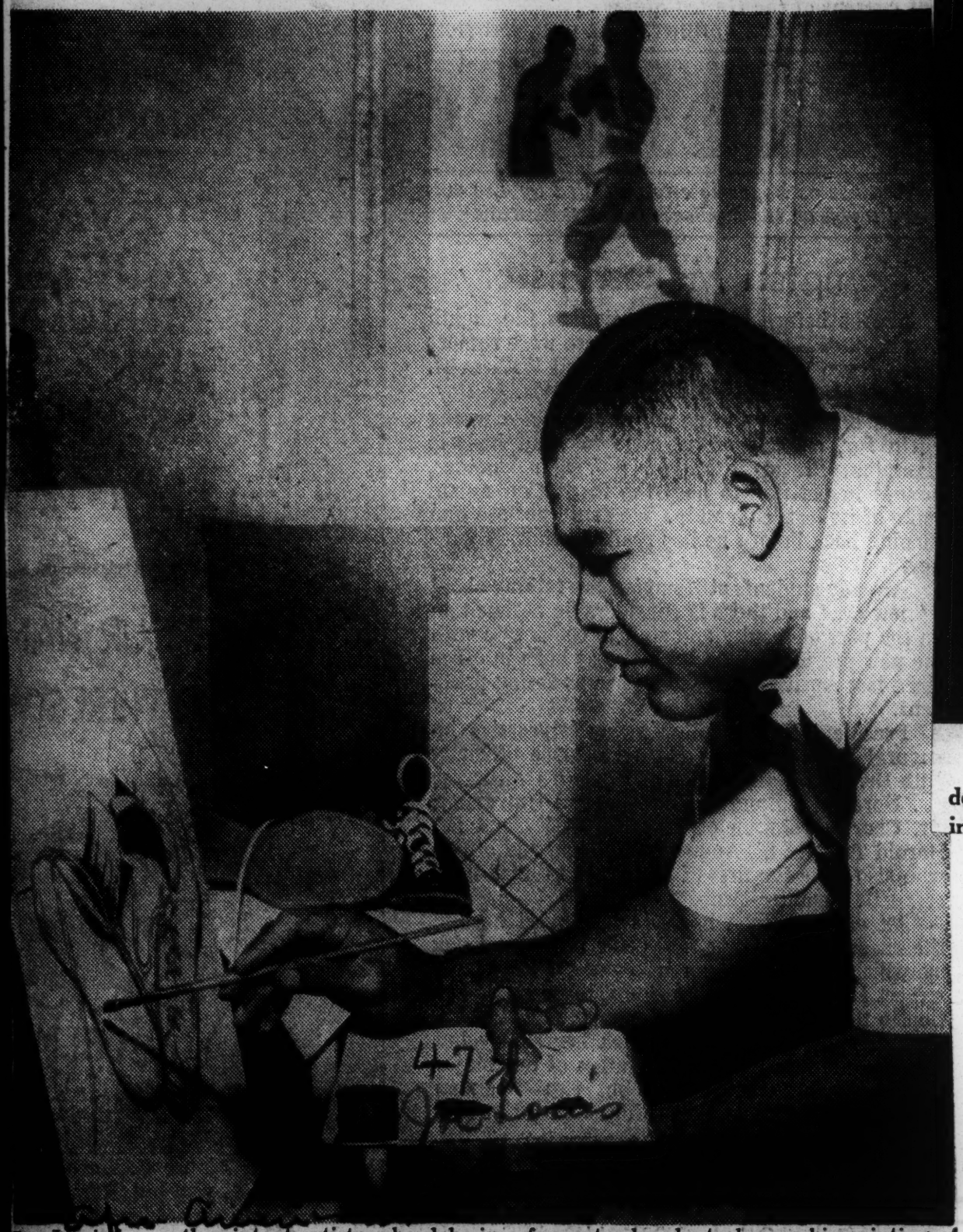
Louis, 35 last May, boxed 30 rounds in the last 17 days, 10 each with Johnny Shkor in Boston, Joe Cheshul in Newark, and Johnny Flynn in Kansas City, Mo. He scored three knockdowns against Shkor, one in the second and two in the third; one against Cheshul and one against Flynn.

Louis reiterated that his series of 10 round bouts is no sign that he intends to come out of retirement and try to regain the title from Charles in an outdoor fight next summer, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

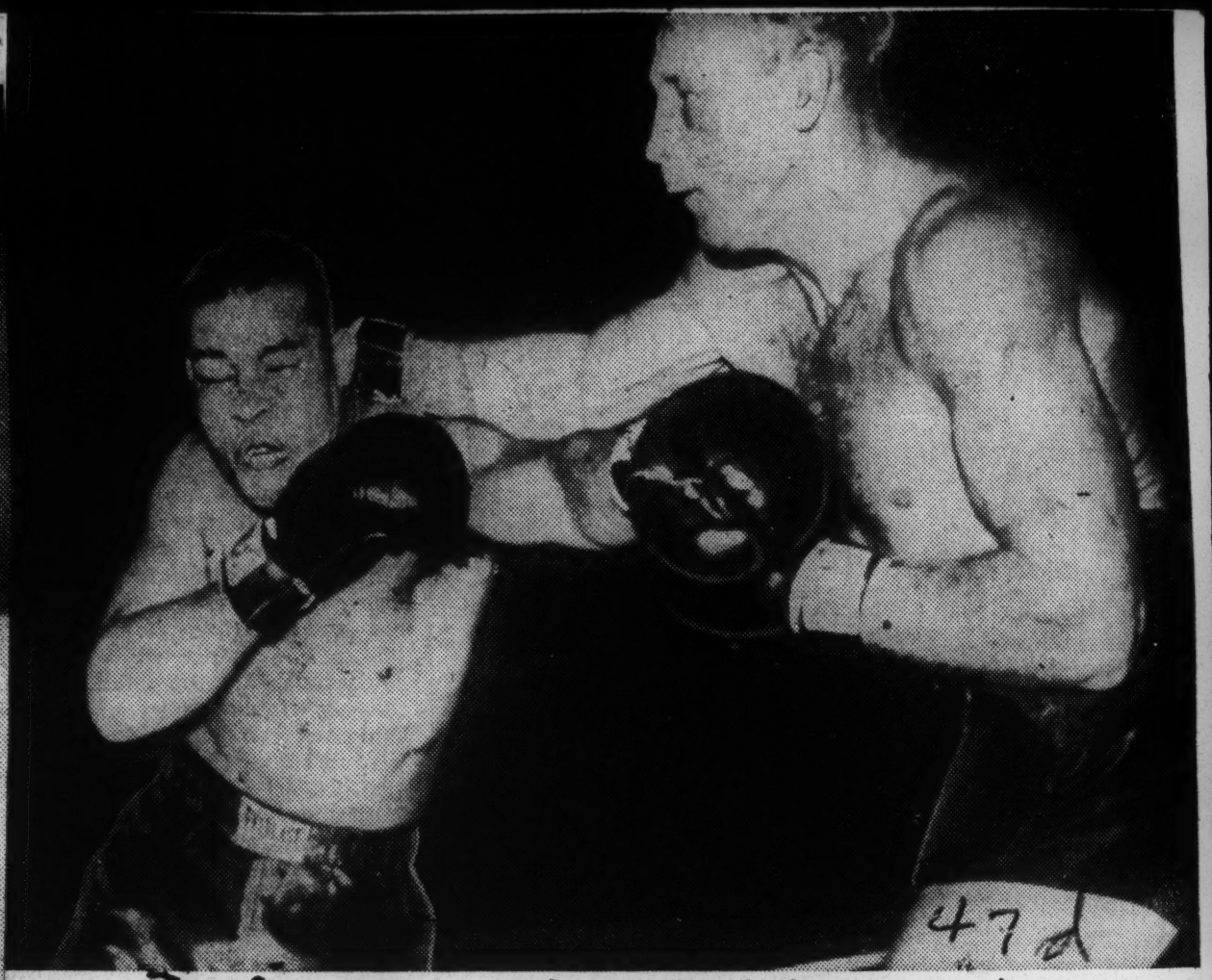
However, during an appearance at the Illinois commission, before the old Brown Bomber worked out, Triner reminded him if he decides to fight Charles the logical site would be Chicago. Joe said nothing; just smiled, but Truman Gibson, secretary for the International Boxing club, which is promoting Wednesday's bout, told the chairman that Chicago is being considered as a site for the proposed Louis-Charles encounter.

Before Louis worked out, Valentino sparred with Stanley Goitz, Jack O'Keefe's heavyweight protegé, and Ralph Schneider, Nessie Blumenthal's 200 pound prospect. Both Goitz and Schneider probably will appear in preliminary matches on the Stadium card.

Ex-Champ's Work Included in Art Exhibit



Joe Louis is a rather intent artist as he dabs in a few extra brush strokes on his painting of a pair of boxing shoes. The ex-champ's will be one of more than 100 canvasses to be shown at the Urban League's Second Annual Exhibit of Famous Amateurs at the Associated American Artists' Galleries, 711 Fifth Avenue, from Nov. 7th to 19th.



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Joe Louis (left), retired heavyweight champion, winces after receiving hard right delivered by Johnny Flynn, Rochester, N. Y., in seventh round of no decision exhibition in Kansas City, Mo. Bout went 10 rounds.

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JOE'S NEW PARTNERS—Joe Louis talks over his new boxing promotion partnership at the airport in Miami, Fla., before leaving for Nassau, Bahamas, for an exhibition tour. Left to right are Abe J. Greene, NBA commissioner; Arthur N. Wirtz, a partner with Louis; Louis, and James D. Norris, other partner

No Fight With Jacobs

Louis Has Title All Tied Up For Next 2 Years, He Reveals

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By Jack Hand

Miami, Fla., March 2 (AP).—Promoter Joe Louis, who learned about complete from Mike Jacobs, revealed today he had tied up the NBA tion of the heavyweight championship for his International Boxing h by exclusive twoyear agreements with Ezzard Charles and ey Joe Walcott.

Charles or Walcott, whichever June, has agreed to fight for us two years," said Louis his return from another success- exhibition at Nassau, "that was t of the deal by which they will nt for the title. The winner has fight either Lee Savold or Gus avich in 90 days."

When Louis won his crown from Jim Braddock in 1937 he signed a 10-year exclusive with Uncle Mike. That contract was a most important factor in the rise to power of Jacobs' Twentieth Century Sporting Club.

Louis appears to be in the promotional game to stay with the substantial financial backing of his new partners, Arthur M. Wirtz and James D. Norris.

"I'll handle the big bouts," said the retired champ, "I will suggest the matches I think are the best. We'll still work with the local matchmakers in each city when we come in. We don't want to hurt anybody."

Louis sent out a batch of wires and air mail letters today, informing all promoters and matchmakers of his official retirement. He told them all to expect to hear from him soon.

"We don't want any fight with Mike Jacobs," said Louis when informed of Jacobs' decision to return to active direction of the Twentieth Century. "There ought to be room in New York for more than one promoter."

Actually the new organization has enormous resources to finance any prolonged war with other boxing promoters. It controls five arenas and already has the skeleton of a local staff in operation.

Louis' Earnings Top All at $3,887,323

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New York, March 1 (AP).—Alabama-born Joe Louis held the world heavyweight championship longer than any other boxer in history and defended it oftener.

Louis won the title from James J. Braddock in Chicago, June 22, 1937. His official resignation today ended a reign of 11 years 8 months and 7 days.

The only comparable heavyweight reigns were those of John L. Sullivan, who held the title 10 years and 7 months, from February 7, 1882 to September 7, 1892, and of James J. Jeffries, who came out of retirement to fight Jack Johnson for the championship just over 11 years after he won it from Bob Fitzsimmons.

Jeffries, actually held the championship from June, 1899, until he retired because of lack of competition in March, 1905. Public opinion forced him to try a comeback five years later, after Johnson had won recognition as champion.

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In other divisions, only Featherweight Champion Johnny Kilbane approached Louis 'rule, holding the title 11 years, 3½ months, from 1912 to 1923.

When he knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott in the 11th round last June, Louis defended his title for the 25th time. Since Sullivan, who was accustomed to touring the country and meeting all comers, no heavyweight champion had made more than 16 title defenses. Tommy Burns reached that figure. Johnson defended the title 10 times and Jeffries 8.

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Louis also was the youngest boxer ever to win the title. He was only 23 when he whipped Braddock while Sullivan, Jeffries and Jack Dempsey were 24 when they became champion. Fitzsimmons and Johnson both were 37 when they entered the ring for their last title bouts, so Joes is not the oldest heavyweight ruler.

Another respect in which Joe Louis tops them all is in ring earnings. Since he earned $50 for knocking out Jack Kracken in his first professional fight in 1934, the Brown Bomber earned $3,887,323.72 to the end of 1948, according to the The Ring record book. His exhibitions this winter have added an unknown amount to that total.

The same source gives Dempsey's ring earnings as $3,568,114 from 1919 to 1942, plus an estimated two million dollars from various sources, including refereeing boxing and wrestling bouts since then.

The financial high marks of Louis' career were the second meeting with Billy Conn, which drew $1,925,564, and the second Max Schmeling fight and his meeting with Max Baer, both of which went over the million-dollar mark in gate receipts.

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THE CHAMP RETIRES—Joe Louis, who yesterday announced his resignation as the world's heavyweight boxing champion to National Boxing Commissioner Abe J. Green, is pictured with Green at one of the NBA's dinners last Summer. Louis mailed his resignation to the Commisisoner, who is in Florida.

Wendell Smith's Sports Beat

CHICAGO—Joe Louis held the heavyweight title for eleven years and is now promoting the fight which will determine his successor. Louis, who was the king of all he surveyed, is now boxing director of the International Boxing Club, a syndicate which is so big and powerful that Mike Jacobs and other competitors bowed out of the picture rather than try to compete with it.

Louis grossed more than three million dollars as a fighter. His present position, however, indicates that he'll make much more as a promoter. He stands at the threshold of unlimited riches. His organization controls the entire boxing industry. Next month, for instance, the International Boxing Club is promoting three championship fights. The first will be in Detroit between Marcel Cerdan and Jake LaMotta on June 15 for the middleweight title. The second is tentatively set for June 17 between Ray (Sugar) Robinson and Kid Gavilan for the welterweight championship and five days later Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott battle for the heavyweight title that Louis has relinquished.

When he was fighting, Louis was the most active champion of all time. He fought more than any champion in the history of the game. Now it appears that he'll be the busiest promoter in boxing history. No promoter—including Jacobs and Tex Rickard—has ever scheduled three championship fights within the space of seven days.

Although Louis is a promoter now he still has the spirit and mind of a fighter.

"If you were Ezzard Charles," we asked him, "how would you fight Jersey Joe Walcott?"

Joe Ponders Over Jersey Joe's Style

We were riding in his big Fleetwood Cadillac on the way to the golf course. His golfing pal, Leonard Reed, was driving and Joe was sitting next to him. Louis pondered over the question for a minute and then said: "I'd fight him like I did the last two rounds of our second fight."

The ex-heavyweight champion of the world smiled when he said: "You know, it took me twenty-four rounds to figure that guy out. Our first fight went the distance. We fought fifteen rounds at Madison Square Garden and he almost beat me. The second fight went eleven rounds and I knocked him out. But it took me all of the fifteen rounds of the first fight and nine of the second to figure how to beat him.

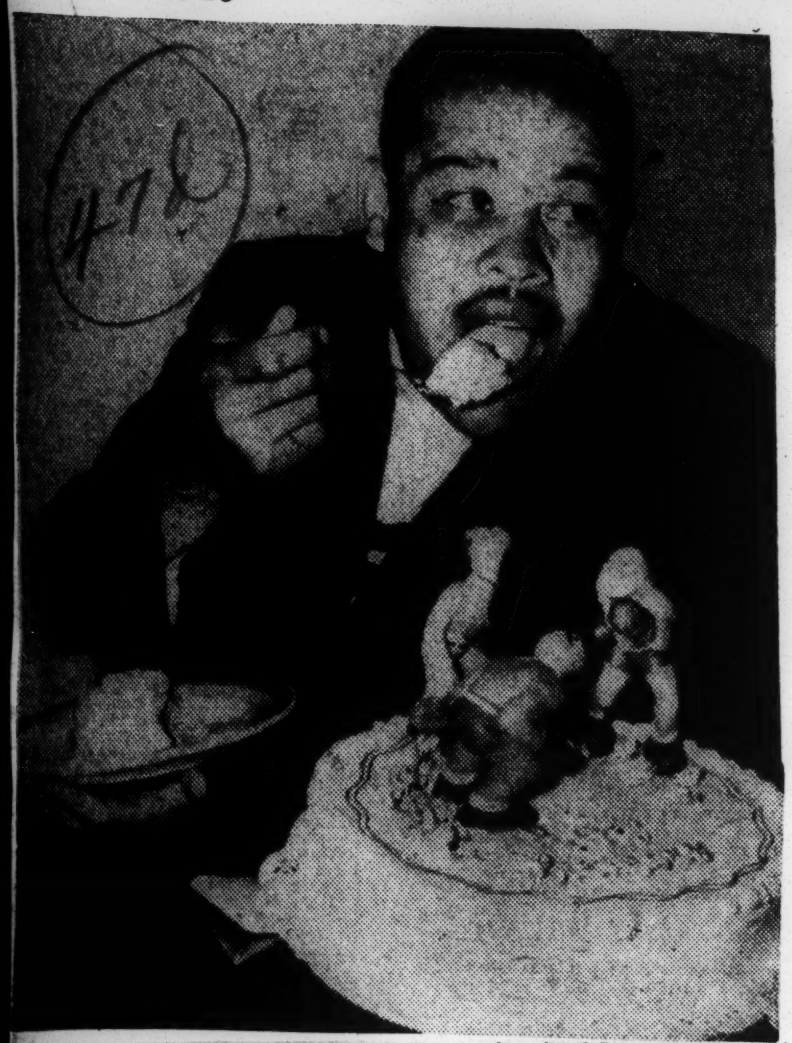
Louis seemed amused, even a bit embarrassed. The fact that Walcott had him fooled so long was humiliating. It was humiliating because Walcott was so easy to beat after he had figured out how to do it.

"There is only one way to fight Walcott," Louis continued. "You just have to force the fighting. If you stand around lilke I did in the first fight and let him set the pace, you'll be in trouble. All that dancing, side-stepping and feinting he does are just a part of the act. If you pay attention to that, you're in trouble. You have to get into his act. I found out how to beat him in the ninth round of our second fight. I crowded him, forced the fighting and didn't let him do all that cute stuff."

An automatic frown creased the ex-champion's brow. "I couldn't figure out how to fight that guy," he admitted. "He moved and danced and when I'd step in with a punch, he'd counter it. He knocked me down three times in the two fights and really had me going. But in the ninth round of that second fight I found out what to do. I knew the fight was close and decided to go out and get him if I could. When the bell rang I came out ready to shoot the works. He continued moving around and using that funny little side dance of his. I didn't pay any attention to that, however. I moved in on him. I crowded him and started punching whenever I was within range.

Ezzard Will Have to Set the Pace

"That's when I learned how to beat Walcott," Joe confided. "I found that I had to set the pace. When I did that I was the complete boss. That's the only way you can beat him. If you let him set the pace, there's hardly a chance of knocking him out. He'll do that dance of his all night and score points. So—I changed my form of battle. Instead of waiting for him, I moved in. I almost had him in the tenth. In the eleventh I got him.. He was on the ropes and I moved in quickly. I hit him with a left hook and right cross. That stopped his dancing. He couldn't move. When I saw that, I said to myself: 'This is it. Don't let him get away. Hit him with everything you've got.' And I did."



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CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY—Joe Louis, retired heavyweight champion, who was 35 years old yesterday, takes a big bite from a piece of his birthday cake—adorned by figures of boxers—in his office in the Chicago Stadium.

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Jacobs to Remain At Garden Post

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Kilpatrick Says Rocky Graziano Is Under Contract; Louis Celebrates

By JERRY LISKA

Chicago, May 13 (AP)—Mike Jacobs will continue as Madison Square Garden's boxing impressario in a consultant capacity and fighter Rocky Graziano is under contract to the Garden.

So explained John Reed Kilpatrick, Garden president, today as he helped retired heavyweight champion Joe Louis observe his 35th birthday in a Friday the 13th celebration.

Kilpatrick was here to confer with the International Boxing Club triumvirate of Louis, Arthur Wirtz and James D. Norris regarding a coalition which will continue to use.

2. Graziano, former middleweight champion recently reinstated in New York, will get a chance to recapture his Gotham "Golden Boy" status of 1945 when he drew consistent $100,000 Garden gates.

3. If negotiations go well, the Garden-Chicago Stadium-Detroit Olympia hookup by June 1 will have also absorbed the Tournament of Champions.

4. The Columbia Broadcasting System and the National Broadcasting System have Garden contracts which expire May 31, and the "situation then will be open" on the increasingly important subject of television-radio rights.

And 5. That if the new corporation isn't set up before June 1, 20th Century personnel will handle the New York fight program temporarily.

Is Tied Up 13 Weeks.

Wirtz chimed in the interview with the reminder that Madison Square Garden is tied up 13 weeks with non-boxing programs and that any good fights which might develop during that span could be assigned to Chicago Stadium.

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Kilpatrick said that Jacobs would help on the new combine's boxing program as his health dictated and would co-operate in the directorship with Louis, whom he guided to the title pinnacle.

Neither Kilpatrick, nor the I.B.C. brass would say whether the new monopoly would be a single corporation. "It may be that, or a working agreement between the interested groups," Kilpatrick said.

Speaking of the Garden-Chicago Stadium-Olympia front, Kilpatrick said "since we're all tied up in hockey, ice shows, basketball and other projects, it's only logical that we should be tied up in boxing."

Not Concerned Over Talent.

As for talent, Kilpatrick and Wirtz said they weren't concerned over lining it up or the selection of match-makers.

"Where do your figthers want to fight," asked Wirtz, and then answered: "Where the big money is—and that will be at the Garden or the Stadium or Olympia, or St. Louis where I'm sure the arena will cooperate."

Getting back to Joe's birthday. Kilpatrick, Wirtz and Norris all gathered around the retired champion and chanted "happy birthday" in their best photogenic manner. Then Louis made off he was slicing the prop cake which was topped by two miniature fighters and a referee.

Joe's birthday activity also was to include a trip to Comiskey Park tonight for the Cleveland-White Sox game.

Joe Louis Signs for Ten-Rounder

(The Associated Press)

Salt Lake City, Nov. 10—Joe Louis, retired heavyweight champion, will fight a 10-round, no-decision engagement in Salt Lake City Dec. 21, promoter Jim Downing announced.

dn. 11-11-49

Downing said he is guaranteeing the former champion approximately $15,000.

Downing said Louis is to meet any opponent Downing selects. He indicated the opponent will not be picked for several weeks.

While the bout will be a no-decision affair, Downing said eight-ounce fighting gloves will be used.

The promoter also announced that Ezzard Charles, NBA heavyweight champ, will appear in an exhibition in Salt Lake City during the first week in December. Using 12-ounce gloves, he will box against two heavyweights who are yet to be selected.

LOUIS WINS BY KNOCKOUT OVER HOOSMAN IN 5TH

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 20 (AP)—Joe Louis retired heavyweight champion, took another step in what many think will eventually lead to a comeback when he knocked out Al Hoosman of Los Angeles in the fifth round of their scheduled 10 round exhibition boxing match here last night. Louis weighed 223½ pounds and his rival 211½.

Louis forced the battle all the way and had his 6 foot, 5 inch former sparring partner on the retreat.

In the fifth round, Louis stunned his opponent with a left to the jaw and then dropped him for the full count in 2:16 of the round.

The fighters used 8 ounce gloves. An overflow crowd paid a gross of $19.856.

The Road Back . . . . . By Frank Williams

Twin Bill Continues 'Expedition Exercise'

Kayo or Mercy Is Big Question as Louis Faces Toles and Flynn

BY TOMMY DEVINE

Joe Louis, the busiest "retired" heavyweight in boxing history, has a double-header scheduled Wednesday night at Olympia.

Louis, currently on another nationwide tour, is slated to box a five-round exhibition with Roscoe Toles, of Detroit, and then go five more rounds against Johnny Flynn, of Rochester, N. Y.

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THE UNIQUE schedule was dictated by necessity. Louis' original opponent over the 10-round route was slated to be Bernie Reynolds, of Fairfield, Conn. He bowed out because of injuries.

Then ex-Detroiter Lee Oma was booked as a substitute. Oma took a "runout powder."

Oma's manager, Tex Sullivan, withdrew his fighter from the show here after Louis knocked out Pat Valentino in eight rounds at Chicago a week ago.

The reason advanced for the withdrawal was that Louis wasn't abiding by the "book of etiquet" which usually governs exhibition bouts. The real objection of Oma and his manager, however, was the financial arrangement.

This will be the fifth stop on Louis' tour. When Joe was the world heavyweight champion, a comparable jaunt was labeled the "Bum of the Month" campaign.

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NOW IT MUST be known merely as "Expedition Exercise," for Louis flatly denies any intentions of making a formal comeback in an attempt to regain the title he surrendered voluntarily last June.

Olympia officials forecast a crowd of 12,000 and a gate of approximately $40,000.

A year ago when Louis fought a six-round exhibition against Vern Mitchell, 12,531 fans turned out to see the scuffle. The gross gate then was $34,755.

In stops at Boston, Newark, Kansas City and Chicago on the present swing, Louis has not pulled too well. The top crowd of the tour was for the opener at Boston when 8,471 fans turned out.

Louis will collect a handsome 35 per cent of the gate for his efforts against Flynn and Toles.

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IN BOUTS with Johnny Shkor, Joe Chesul and Flynn, Louis played the role of a gracious ring host. He battered them enough to demonstrate that he was their master and then proceeded to carry them the full 10-round route.

Against Valentino, however, Louis was anxious to establish a basis for comparison with the current heavyweight champion, Ezzard Charles.

Toward that objective he cut Valentino to ribbons through the early rounds and then stretched him on the canvas for the count in the eighth. Charles also owns an eight-round kayo over Valentino.

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LOUIS UNDOUBTEDLY can set his own pattern and pace against Toles and Flynn. He can be merciful and take them the distance or revert to the old Brown Bomber role and give the referee mathematical exercise of counting over outstretched carcasses.

The supporting card is topped by an eight-round middleweight bout between Burl Charity, of New York, and Detroiter Ray Barnes.

Charity has won two of six fights this year. These victories came over characters answering to the names of Roy Smead and Richie Dallas, both of Binghampton, N. Y. Among his conquerors is one Sipio Lofton, of Atlantic City.

Joe Garza, the busy-bee Detroi youngster fresh out of amateu ranks, will get his first six-roun bout against Larry Moreland.

The Defender Chicago

Joe Louis, America's Greatest Youth Model

Defender Chicago Ill. Sat. 5-28-49

THE deeds and characters of men are passed on to posterity after their death. It seems, however, fitting and proper that those who have achieved worthy fame in any given line of endeavor should know something of how the public evaluates them while they are still in the flesh. Therefore, I have chosen the life, mannerisms and the quiet going and coming of one Joe Louis, retired and undefeated heavyweight champion of the world.

I regard him as a worthy example from any angle you might view him. He's not only good copy for the young, but for the old, of all races. In his way of living, in his demeanor, his approach and quiet retiring manner, he has done more to solve the race question than any other man in public life today. His contribution has not been made by words, but against words and action wrongfully thrown against our race. His home life could well be exemplified by many leaders who travel other paths of life. His modesty in public has given him a unique personality, and has established for him a general public respect unparalleled by any member of his craft in the history of boxing.

Joe Louis has been definitely responsible for the re-birth of interest in the pugilistic profession. He re-established it on the basis of honesty. Under his leadership, the fight game has ceased to be an institution of tricks. In his democratic mingling with the public he has never once veered from the teachings of his illustrious mother, as result he has never once brought disgrace upon his profession, his family or his race. His habits and conduct give him a permanent pass into the American citizens' No. 1 social circle.

He has established a permanent leadership as a living example for sobriety and modesty for the youth of both races. He has proven that a child of poverty can come into great wealth and yet maintain his equilibrium, and manage that wealth sensibly and conservatively. Fortunately for Joe, in the beginning of his career, he fell into the hands of two men of experience: Julian Black and John Roxborough. Both Black and Roxborough knew the world. They knew where the "breakers" were in the great sea of public popularity. They were able, as good seamen, to steer the ship to safety and to avoid impending storms and disaster. They were both men who had money, therefore, money did not disturb their way of thinking and acting.

Julian Black and John Roxborough deserve high commendation for the manner in which they have handled the business of Joe Louis. They have stood the test of early profits and critical word-mongers. Joe is now an established institution as the result of their conservative guidance. He is not only a worthy example for any race to follow, but also of the entire youth of America.

Minister Says "God Not With Joe Louis" In Love Balm Court Fight

Daily World 4-12 Atlanta, Ga.

By VERNON JARRETT

CHICAGO—(ANP)—"God is not on Joe Louis' side in this battle." Thus spoke Rev. Matthew C. Faulkner, who is forcing the retired champion to fight the same man in two different court rings at the same time. Sun 6-12-49

Shortly after Superior Judge Benjamin Epstein ordered Louis to reveal whether he had presented pretty model Carolle Drake Faulkner thousands of dollars in cash and gifts, the Baptist minister filed suit for a divorce, charging Louis and Mrs. Faulkner with adultery in three cities. He charges they were together in New York, Detroit and Chicago.

The reverend already has a $500,000 alienation of affection suit pending against the Brown Bomber and in the divorce suit, the Rev. Faulkner charges that Louis did more damage in wrecking his home than he ever did in the prize ring.

Louis and Attorney Truman K. Gibson, his counsel, have vigorously denied these charges. Last week Gibson told this writer that the reverend is trying to win a "newspaper decision because he is sure to lose in court," Louis says the "reverend is sadly mistaken. I Just knew his wife, that's all."

CHARGES ANGUISH 6-12-48

In suit number one, the Georgia minister charged that he has suffered mental anguish because of Louis, and in suit number two, he is demanding custody of his two children, Matthew Jr., 6, and Oran, 4, now with his wife.

"My wife was a beautiful model" said the reverend, "but she was not a model wife after Louis took over." Faulkner charges his wife with deserting him January 13, 1948.

In an interview last week, the reverend declared, "During the war, I respected Louis when he went around the world saying 'God is on our side.' But this time, Faulkner added, "God is not with Joe Louis."

Louis must appear in Friedman's office June 24 and affirm or deny charges that he has given money and gift sto Carolle and the divorce suit is expected to come up near the end of the month or the first of July.

Joe Louis OKs Wife's Plan for Divorce

The Detroit Mich.

6-8-49

CHICAGO — (U.P.) — Heavyweight Boxing Champion Joe Louis consented to Mexican proceedings brought by his wife, the former Marva Trotter, for her second divorce from him.

Louis authorized a power of attorney for a Mexican lawyer to appear for him in court.

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MRS. LOUIS flew to Mexico from Chicago.

Louis and his wife, now 33, were first married in New York in 1935, two hours before he defeated Max Baer.

They separated twice before their first divorce in Chicago in 1945. Sun. 2-8-49

They have two children, Jacqueline, and Joe, Jr.

Champion's Wife Gains Decree In Mexican Court

Journal & Guide Norfolk Va

Judge Sets $100 Weekly Allowance For Two Children

Sat. 2-26-49

By International News Service

JOJUTLA, Morelos State, Mexico—Judge Miguel Avendano Chavez of the Jojutla Civil Court announced Monday that he has granted a divorce to Marva Trotter Louis, wife of Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, on grounds of mental cruelty and incompatibility.

Louis was ordered to pay $100 a week for the support of the couple's children, Joseph Jr. and Jacqueline.

Mrs. Louis asked no alimony for herself, saying that she has sufficient funds for her own support.

The divorce was granted a week ago Monday under paragraph 760 of the Morelos State penal code. This provides for ending a marriage in cases of mental cruelty and conditions which make continuation of marital life impossible.

JUDGE'S DECREE

Judge Avendano's decree embraced the following:

(1.) Louis is liable for support of the children, whose custody goes to Marva.

(2.) The marriage which took place in Chicago Heights on July 28, 1946, is definitely dissolved.

(3.) Marva Trotter is legally entitled to remarry if she so desires.

(4.) Joe Louis is no longer obliged to pay for the upkeep of Marva.

(5.) Joe Louis is ordered to pay to Joseph and Jacqueline Louis the sum of $100 per week.

(6.) The children will remain in custody of Marva Trotter.

(7.) Joe Louis is authorized to visit the children whenever he wishes and to maintain them in his custody for six weeks each summer.

(8.) Both parties renounce any rights or interests in the properties of the other.

During the action Mrs. Louis said she might drop the suit if Louis would give up the ring and settle down. He answered that he would not "hang up my gloves" before 1951.

Suit Second Faced by Louis

4-20 Apr.

$500,000 Love Balm Action Also Pending

Baltimore Md

MODEL ACCUSED

Sat. 6-18-49

Spouse Says Lavish Gifts Tempted Wife

ATLANTA, Ga. — "Just friends," Joe Louis, former heavyweight champion of the world, said here last week about his relationship with the beauteous wife of a minister, with whom he is charged with having had illicit relations.

Louis, here to receive an honorary degree from Morris Brown College for his contribution to interracial good will through sports denied any intimacy with Mrs. Carolle Drake Faulkner, 27, New York model being sued for divorce by the Rev. Matthew C. Faulkner 33. 6-18-49

$500,000 Damages Sought

The minister, who has a $500,000 alienation of affections suit pending against Louis in the Chicago Superior Court, named Louis co-respondent in the same court in the divorce suit filed last week against his wife.

The clergyman, an ex-Army chaplain, charged that the ex-boxing king broke up his home and lived with his wife, the mother of two of his children, in Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey and New York.

The suit set forth that Louis courted the pretty model with costly gifts including a mink coat, a beaver coat, a diamond emerald ring worth $20,000 and a $10,000 check. 6-18-49

Seeks Children's Custody

In his alienation of affections suit against Louis, the Rev. Mr. Faulkner charged that he had suffered great mental anguish because of the former.

He declared that he was unable to carry on his ministerial duties in Chicago because of efforts "to hold my wife and to prevent the breakup of our marriage."

In his divorce action, he is seeking the custody of their two children, Matthew Jr., 6, and Oran, 4, contending that his wife deserted him in January, 1948, and is "not a fit custodian" for the children.

son pointed out.

Intimacy Charges Denied

Both Louis and Gibson have vigorously denied charges that the ex-boxer had ever been intimate with the minister's wife.

Last week Gibson declared that to the Rev. Mr. the clergyman was "trying to win a newspaper decision, because he sel, Sol Friedman, sent evidence that is sure to lose in court." He added nation took place that the divorce suit followed ru- k, or that it took mors that Louis refused to settle y in Illinois, Gib- in the alienation of affections suit.

ruled that ques- answered by Louis proceedings," but evidence would be he personal injury took place in New

Judge Epstein ruled tions should be answered in "discovery proceedings," questions could not be legally asked in Illinois about any alleged alienation of affections out of New York, or that it took place specifically in New York.

Must Explain "Friendship"

Judge Benjamin Epstein of suship which allegedly existed a some time in New York.

Louis, in Atlanta, repeatedly declared that the attractive model was a "friend" and nothing more.

The ex-champion's wife, Marva, the mother of his two children, obtained a divorce from him in Mexico in February of this year.

Joe Louis Accused in Divorce Suit

Negro Pastor Says He Alienated Wife

CHICAGO—(U.P.)—Joe Louis, former world's heavyweight champion, was named co-respondent in a divorce suit filed by a Negro minister against his wife, a New York model.

The Rev. Matthew C. Faulkner, 33, former Atlanta (Ga.) Baptist minister and Army chaplain, filed suit against Mrs. Mattie Faulkner, 27, who uses the professional name of Carrolle Drake.

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FAULKNER CHARGED that in November and December, 1947, and in January, 1948, Louis and Mrs. Faulkner committed adultery in New York, Detroit, Chicago, and other places.

The minister has a $500,000 alienation of affections suit pending against Louis.

Both Louis and Mrs. Faulkner previously had denied the alienation of affections charges.

"My friendship with Mrs. Faulkner never went beyond the bounds of friendship," Louis said.

Louis' wife, Marva, obtained a divorce in Mexico in February.

Champ Joe Louis has established two scholarships for Israel's labor federation to be used at Louis' Chicago school of automotive trades.

Louis Warned To Answer Charges

CHICAGO—(INS)—Retired Heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis was warned Friday that he will be held in contempt of court if he fails to answer by June 24 a series of questions in connection with a half-million dollar alienation of affections suit.

The suit involves a 26-year-old model, Carolle Drake Faulkner, wife of a 52-year-old Atlanta minister who claims Louis stole her love.

Louis, his former wife, Marva Trotter Louis, and Mrs. Faulkner all denied the Rev. Matthew Faulkner's charges.

Marva Flies To Mexico; Won't Talk

MEXICO CITY — Marva Louis, attractive wife of world's heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis, arrived here by plane Friday night and established residence in the Del Prado hotel. Current reports are that she's here to file divorce proceedings against her famous husband.

Mrs. Louis has refused to comment on the possible divorce. It is understood, however, that she has retained counsel to represent her if a rumored "peace talk" between her and the Brown Bomber, scheduled for here, fails. Louis, now on an exhibition tour in the United States, is expected to come here to "talk things over."

"I don't know what will happen," Mrs. Louis told the Chicago Defender. "Just say I have no comment." If she seeks a divorce, she will charge Louis with incompatibility and moral cruelty.

Those close to Marva say she does not want a divorce, but she isn't satisfied with her present relationship with Joe. Unless Louis is willing to "change his way of things" she will obtain a Mexican divorce.

It is rumored that the champion will not contest the suit if he and Marva are unable to agree. She would be given sole custody of their children, Jacqueline and Joseph Barrow, Jr.

Here and in the United States, the question is, "Has the second honeymoon ended?"

Anticipating that "everything will be okay", Marva said, "I'll be back in the United States around March 1." She explained she is merely here on a visit to "get some rest." The Louis children are in Chicago with their Mexican nurse.

26 Fights Later

June 22, 1937—Jimmy Braddock	KO 8
Aug. 30, 1937—Tommy Farr	W 15
Feb. 23, 1938—Nathan Mann	KO 3
April 1, 1938—Harry Thomas	KO 5
June 22, 1938—Max Schmelling	KO 1
Jan. 25, 1939—John Henry Lewis	KO 1
April 17, 1939—Jack Roper	KO 1
June 28, 1939—Tony Galento	KO 4
Sept. 20, 1939—Bob Pastor	KO 11
Feb. 9, 1940—Arturo Godoy	W 15
March 29, 1940—Johnny Paycheck	KO 2
June 20, 1940—Arturo Godoy	KO 8
Dec. 16, 1940—Al McCoy	KO 6
Jan. 31, 1941—Red Burman	KO 5
Feb. 17, 1941—Gus Dorazio	KO 2
March 21, 1941—Abe Simon	KO 13
April 8, 1941—Tony Musto	KO 9
May 23, 1941—Buddy Baer	W dis 7
June 18, 1941—Billy Conn	KO 13
Sept. 29, 1941—Lou Nova	KO 6
Jan. 9, 1942—Buddy Baer	KO 1
March 27, 1942—Abe Simon	KO 6
June 19, 1946—Billy Conn	KO 8
Sept. 18, 1946—Tomi Mauriello	KO 1
Dec. 5, 1947—Joe Walcott	W 15
June 25, 1948—Joe Walcott	KO 11

Such might serve as the chapter heads of a book entitled the War Memoirs of Joe Louis.

The career of Joe Louis is the most remarkable in the annals of Queensbury. He fought longer and for more money than any other champion. He held the title for 11 years and earned $4,500,000.

His life began in an Alabama cotton field and he announced his retirement from a rich man's suite in Miami Beach.

Gene Tunney was the only champion ever to retire undefeated. Louis has averted the possible fate of Jim Jeffries who retired undefeated in 1905 but returned to the ring five years later to be flattened by Jack Johnson.

In the course of this career, Louis has, as everybody has said before, been singularly well behaved. He has avoided the disrepute into which Johnson fell and, despite what were doubtless heavy and persistent pressures, he has not used his position to condemn the South. In fact, he recently wrote that he never knew what race feeling was until he moved to Detroit.

At 35, Louis ends a career and embarks on another as fight promoter and rival of Mike Jacobs, now trying to forget his age and often infirmities in semi-retirement at Miami Beach.

A new champion has to be designated, and Louis is promoting a June encounter in Chicago between Walcott and Ezzard Charles to determine his successor. Since these pugilists are has- or never-beens, there is a question whether Louis can make the title stick to the winner.

There is no formal, defined means of filling this vacancy. It will have to be accepted by the competing Jacobs and the public. It will be remembered, for example, that it took Max Schmeling two years to gain full recognition in 1930 after Tunney had retired. And in 1905, in similar circumstances, Jeffries failed to win recognition of Marvin Hart as his successor.

However all that is, the public has little interest in the business as matters stand because of the inferiority of the contenders. We leave it to Louis and Jacobs and to such unknown gladiators as are now upward bound from preliminaries obscurity. In any event, Louis has earned the good wishes of all in his new career.

Eagan Rejects Joe's Heavyweight Plan

NEW YORK, March 8.—(AP)—Joe Louis' New York debut as a promoter sold out a midtown restaurant today, but the retired heavyweight champion was forced to admit defeat in his first venture here in the promotional field.

Louis said Eddie Eagan, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, had rejected his request to have the proposed Ezzard Charles-Jersey Joe Walcott bout sanctioned here as for the world's championship.

The Brown Bomber told a large gathering of newspapermen, photographers and radio people, of his meeting with Eagan this morning.

Louis said Eagan was "friendly and offered to help me in any way.

"The commissioner told me that he could not sanction any one fight as for the world's championship," Louis said.

Abe Greene, commissioner of the National Boxing Association, already has given Louis' recently formed International Boxing Club permission to name the Charles-Walcott winner the world's champion."

Louis said he would like to have the blessings of both bodies and didn't relish the idea of dual champions. He said he considered both fight bodies as equally important.

Out of the hullabaloo emerged three principal points:

1. Since Eagan won't sanction the Charles-Walcott "title" fight here, it will be held outside this state, probably in Chicago.

2. Louis said he definitely would not fight again. And if he should change his mind—this in answer to a question—he would not consider himself champion but a challenger.

3. Louis has no other fighters signed up outside of Charles and Walcott.

greet Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world when he appeared here Tuesday in a boxing exhibition. Not even when the Duke of Windsor, former King of England, arrived as governor were the crowds so dense.

Louis rose to the occasion and knocked out his opponent, Jimmie Edwards, a relatively unknown boxer from the States in the fourth round. Champion Louis was received by the governor, Sir James Murphy, at a reception held after

Willing to Re-Marry

Marva Granted Second Divorce

MEXICO CITY — Marva Louis was granted a divorce from Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis here last week, according to the Mexican daily, El Universale, but reportedly said she would remarry Joe if he became more domesticated. The decree was given on the grounds of "incompatibility."

When interviewed in Chicago before leaving for Caribbean exhibition bouts, Joe declared:

"You can't be a fighter and stay home all the time. That's the reason I took her to Europe last winter . . . trying to make up for lost time."

Louis To Give Jacobs Dose Of Own Tactics

BY JACK HAND

MIAMI, Fla., March 3—(AP)—Joe Louis plans to give Mike Jacobs a dose of his own medicine by using the exclusive contract treatment to tie up the heavyweight title for his International Boxing Club.

When Louis wrested the crown from Jimmy Braddock in 1937, he agreed to fight only for Jacobs' 20th Century Sporting Club for the next 10 years. Apparently the Brown Bomber learned a lesson in shrewd promotion tactics.

A most important, but generally overlooked, factor in the signing of Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott to fight for the championship with National Boxing Association approval was the exclusive contract clause.

Charles and Walcott agree, if victorious, to fight only for Louis and his two partners, Arthur M. Wirtz and James D. Morris, for the next two years.

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FELIX BOCCHICCHIO, WALCOTT'S business representative, confirmed this exclusive clause yesterday at his Miami Beach hotel.

"This is a good break for Walcott," said Felix, "I would rather have him fight Louis again for the title but Charles is okeh. The contract calls tentatively for either New York or Chicago as the site."

Jake Mintz, who has been hawking Charles' wares from roof tops for two years, agreed to anything Louis might say.

"We go along with Louis in whatever he says about Charles," said Jake in a blanket endorsement of the Bomber's plans. "We will fight exclusively for him if he wants."

Of course, Louis may wind up with only half a title. Jack Solomons has proposed a bout between Lee Savold and the winner of the Bruce Woodcock-Freddie Mills fight for the London version of the crown before 150,000 spectators at Dyke Park. Jack still has several angles to clarify on that deal but he has signed the fighters.

UNBEATEN TITLEHOLDER HELD CROWN LONGEST

Charles-Walcott Bout In June Gets N. B. A. Sanction

IT WINDS UP JACOBS TOO

By JAMES F. FOWLER
Associated Press Sports Writer

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 1.—Joe Louis resigned as undefeated world heavyweight boxing champion Tuesday to become a fight promoter.

The Alabama-born negro who has held the heavyweight crown longer, and defended it more often, than any man in boxing history made his formal resignation by letter to the National Boxing Commission. He asked for and received N. B. A. permission to promote a match between Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott in June for the N. B. A.-recognized world's heavyweight title.

Savold May Get Winner

Louis' resignation was submitted to N. B. A. Commissioner Abe J. Greene of Paterson, N. J., visiting here, and Flamen D. Adae, N. B. A. president, of Miami Beach.

A new fight promotion alliance with Arthur M. Wirtz, James D. Norris, owners of the Chicago Stadium, and Louis sharing equal ownership was formed. It is to be called the International Boxing Club.

"I have already begun to work in my new capacity as director of boxing for the club," Louis wrote the N. B. A. "Our organization has obtained the signatures of Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott on agreements to engage in a 15-round heavyweight contest this June."

Both, Louis said, have been recognized by the N. B. A. and "other recognized and competent authorities as topranking contenders. Their ring records fully justify these rankings."

Both Charles and Walcott, Louis said, have agreed that the winner of the June fight shall meet either Lee Savold or Gus Lesnevich within 90 days and that the N. B. A.-recognized champion will defend his title at least twice a year.

Louis' decision to quit the ring and go into business was his own. "I'm glad to retire," he said, "It could see that I couldn't fight any takes a great load off my mind. I more and rather than lose the title in the ring, I decided to quit."

Although the new partnership owns the Chicago Stadium, largest sports arena in the world, no decision has been made where the Walcott-Charles fight will be held.

Louis, who won the crown from James J. Braddock on June 22, 1937 in Chicago, said he had talked the whole proposal over with "Uncle Mike" Jacobs, aged and ailing promoter who handled all of Louis' 25 title defenses.

"Uncle Mike said he had no beef," Louis said, "I did what I said I would do, stick with Mike as long as I was boxing. And I did it."

Mike Must Retire

For Uncle Mike, head of the 20th century sporting club it meant "I'll have to retire, too."

In his Winter home here, Jacobs said he told Louis that he ought to stay out of the promoting game.

"I told him I was opposed to him promoting fights. I told him I didn't want any part of it, and that I thought he was doing the wrong thing.

"As for me, I'm going to stay here. It looks like he's picked up a lot of dead ones."

Louis' sudden and unexpected decision caught much of the boxing world by surprise. Details of the planned retirement, although extensively rumored, remained a secret until Tuesday morning.

The announcement brought to a sudden end 20th Century Club plans to sponsor an outdoor championship fight in Yankee Stadium in New York this Summer.

Hardly had the first news of Louis' Retirement spread across the globe when fight promoters were laying claim to the crown.

In London, Jack Solomons, Europe's leading fight promoter, said he had Lee Savold under contract and would match him with a British fighter in London for the heavyweight crown, probably in September. The British candidate was to be either Freddie Mills or Bruce Bobcock. Billy Daly, Savold's manager said in New York that he was "very disappointed' that Louis never had fought his man.

"I'm to take Savold to Europe and we're going to clean up the continent's best fighters. After that we'll claim Louis' vacated championship," Daly said.

Louis Bucks Big League Fight Trust

NEW YORK—A red hot (ex) poker named Joe Louis has been thrust into the hornets' nest of fight promoting, and the sharp stingered little critters are buzzing about from Miami to London.

Right now they're all dizzy, having grown fat and complacent through lo these many years of dominating the money angle of fighting. But they're getting their bearings, and someone will get stung.

Take the swarm from the 20th Century Sporting Club for instance, which figured it had fight promoting sewed up. They are talking about heading straight for court.

Solomons Enters Act

Then there is a foreign swarm from London, headed by Jack Solomons. They are headed for the ring, with a match between Freddie Mills and Bruce Woodcock in June, and a "world's heavyweight title match" between the winner and Lee Savold, come September.

On the Jersey side is the Tournament of Champions, with Marcel Cerdan in their hip pockets, and great ambitions in their heads.

And what about Louis, the International Boxing Club, Jim Norris, Art Wirtz, et al. They have a match between Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott for June. It's sanctioned by Commissioner Abe Green of the National Boxing Association as a title match, signed, sealed — but not delivered.

Century Says Nix

Certain other gentlemen of the fistic world, namely Sol Strauss, Harry Markson and Uncle Mike Jacobs of the 20th Century say nix on delivery. Ezzard Charles, the box fighter attributed championship prowess because of the talent drought, is committed to

Louis Outdraws Duke of Windsor

NASSAU, Bahama Islands [illegible] the greatest crowd in the [illegible] Nassau turned out

than somewhat on characters who would leave Albion's shores with more than the price of coffee and doughnuts.

The Tournament of Champions has one champion in Marcel Cerdan, but they are caught in the big real estate freeze when they venture outside New Jersey. So the battle of the fight promoters boils down to 20th Century and IBC, and specifically, who signed Charles and when.

At least one champion is anxious to hitch his wagon to Louis' star. Willie Pep and his manager Lou Viscusi have already started dickering with the International Boxing Club to put on a featherweight title match in New York this summer.

JOE LOUIS IS DENIED BEER LICENSE HERE

State Board Finds a Chicago 'Mob' Involved, but Exonerates Fighter

New York Times
New York Herald Tribune

An attempt by a Chicago brewery controlled by the reputed financial genius of the Al Capone gang, to "push" its beer here through a recently formed corporation headed by Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, and Ray Robinson, welterweight champion, was blocked yesterday by the State Liquor Authority. Both fighters, however, received a clean bill of health from the SLA.

After a four-month investigation in which Chicago crime authorities participated, the SLA announced disapproval of a wholesale beer license application filed by World Champions, Inc., of 2076 Seventh Avenue. Mr. Louis was listed as president and director and Mr. Robinson as chairman of the board of directors.

One of the principal stockholders in the Louis concern was the Canadian Ace Brewing Company, Inc., controlled by Alexander louis Greenberg, long associated with Chicago rackets, according to the SLA. The Canadian Ace Company formerly was known as the Manhattan Brewing Company, which was owned by Capone, the SLA said. Thur-2-3-49

The SLA based its disapproval on the grounds that the "Canadian Ace Brewing Company, holder of a wholesale beer license in the State of New York, has recently been the subject of revocation proceedings for failure to disclose that Alex Louis Greenberg, a principal stockholder and officer of the Canadian Ace Brewing Company, had been indicted and arrested on two occasions."

Also that two stockholders in the Louis corporation, Allen H. Schultz, a director, and Arthur S. Freeman, vice president and director, failed to mention in the application that they had had an interest in the Seneca Hotel, Chicago, which had a license to sell alcoholic beverages at retail.

The SLA reported: 'The Seneca Hotel has the reputation of being gangster-controlled. This reputation arises from the fact that Greenberg is the owner of at least 50 per cent of its stock."

The report added that Greenberg had bought some of the stock from a gangster who had been sent to prison in a movie shakedown racket.

As for the Canadian Ace Brewing Company, the SLA declared: "From the inception of prohibition, hoodlums and gangsters have been connected with the operation of the brewery. Such characters as Dion O'Banion and the Touhy gang were involved with the brewery and Greenbery, in confidential official files, was reported to be the manager of the brewery when it was operating under the name of Malt-Maid Company."

Charles W. Chataway, assistant counsel for the SLA, said Greenberg was indicted twice in Chicago but never convicted. In 1919 he was indicted for grand larceny in the theft of fifteen barrels of liquor and as a receiver of stolen property, and in 1925 he was indited in connection with the theft of rum. Thur-2-3-49

Greenberg Born In Russia

Greenberg, born in Russia, went to Chicago in 1904, Mr. Chattaway said, and entered the grocery business. He joined the Capone mob during prohibition and became "the financial genius behind the Capone mob."

"After repeal," he continued, "Greenberg's close connection with the notorious racketeers and gangsters of the Chicago syndicate continued. The Capone mobsters were very closely connected with the operation of the Manhattan Brewery and other breweries in which Greenberg had an interest."

George P. Butterly Jr., deputy commissioner, who made the announcement in his office, 270 Broadway, said:

"There is no indication in the investigation conducted by the authority that the integrity of either Joe Louis or Ray Robinson can be questioned. The authority believes that the stockholders, directors and officers of Canadian Ace, holder of 100 shares in World Champions, Inc., had planned to use both Louis and Robinson in an attempt to 'push their beer' in New York State.

"Joe Louis and Ray Robinson have both been licensed by this authority and Ray Robinson at the present time holds a retail liquor license in New York City. It may be safely presumed that neither of these reputable men would be permitted to traffic in alcoholic beverages in this state if the authority believed they were active partners of characters like Alex Louis Greenberg, who controls Canadian Ace Brewing Company and who has been notoriously connected with the old Al Capone Chicago crime syndicate.

"It is the authority's belief that like many other prominent and creditable persons, Joe Louis and Ray Robinson have unwittingly allowed their names to be used by persons of evil design."

Known a "Businessman"

Mr. Louis told SLA investigators that he had known Greenberg for the last seven years but only as a business man. Mr. Robinson said he had known Greenberg three years and only as a business man.

Other officials of the Louis corporation were Truman K. Gibson, Mr. Louis' attorney, secretary-director; Theodore A. Jones, Mr. Louis' accountant, treasurer, and Mrs. Ida A. Schultz, wife of Allen H. Schultz, and Greenberg's daughter.

A total of 400 shares of stock were issued at $100 a share, according to the SLA. They were divided as follows: Joe Louis Barrow (his full name), 100 shares; Mr. Robinson, 100 shares; the Canadian Ace Company, 100 shares; Mr. Gibson and Mr. Freeman, fifty shares each.

Under the voting trust agreement, neither Mr. Louis nor Mr. Robinson could vote in the corporation, incorporated in Illinois last September. The license application was filed here last October.

The Chicago brewery's New York York wholesale license is at present the subject of revocation before the SLA. The brewery has a license to sell beer wholesale in Albany.

Members of the licensing board who rejected the application were Deputy Commissioners George W. Gatz, William Smith and Joseph Kaitz.

BOXING:

Promoter Louis

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While the newspapers were filled with his vague talk of fighting again, Joe Louis quietly shopped around for something quite different. After years of listening to promoters' propositions, he had one to offer them: He wanted to become a boxing promoter himself.

The fighter's staunchest promoter friend, Mike Jacobs, affably side-stepped him—quite possibly because Louis wanted a chunk of stock in Jacobs' Twentieth Century Sporting Club. Promoter Jacobs couldn't be blamed for preferring to see Louis remain a fortune-drawing attraction for a while longer, and he told the champion that promotion would be a wolves' den for the innocent likes of him.

In a rapid series of disclosures at Miami Beach last week, Louis showed that the process of earning more than $4,000,000 had left him less naïve than Jacobs and others thought. First he announced, in writing, that he was formally surrendering his world's heavyweight championship after an all-time record reign (eleven years, eight months, and one week) and an unprecedentedly willing number of title defenses (25).

Team: Then Louis revealed that:

▶ In exchange for a one-third partnership and a reported $100,000 in cash, he had joined the promotional team of Arthur M. Wirtz and James D. Norris Jr. of Chicago, solidly backed by the grain-broker fortune of Norris's father.

▶ His new affiliation, known as the International Boxing Club, had signed Ezzard Charles and Joe Walcott for a June title bout already approved by the ubiquitous National Boxing Association. Like a fellow who had watched promoter Jacobs's monopolistic practices closer than many people dreamed, promoter Louis also said he had tied up both fighters' services for two years.

The announcement, approvingly handed out by Commissioner Abe J. Greene of the NBA in a plush room of the ocean-front Del Monico Hotel, got a bad publicity break in Miami: The press-association offices were busy covering a bank robber's jailbreak and couldn't spare many men. But elsewhere Louis started a promotional panic:

▶ Tournament of Champions, Inc., in New York, Promoter Jack Solomons in London, and even a man in Buffalo said they would put on elimination tournaments to find heavyweight champions of their own. Boxing fans took a glum view of the available talent: Walcott, 35 years old, Gus Lesnevich, 34, Lee Savold, 33, Freddie Mills, 30, and Charles, only 26 but quite unexciting.

▶ The New York State Athletic Commission, the only important non-NBA body in the country, said it would not give title recognition to the Walcott-Charles winner.

▶ The Twentieth Century Club claimed it had Charles tied up until November and called Louis's arrangement an "ungrateful . . . stab in the back." The club's sympathetic newspaper friends nearly made some readers forget that Jacobs had collected more than $2,000,000 on Louis. Mon - 3-14-49

Jeopardy: Twentieth Century's bitterness could be traced to fear. Loss of control over boxing's biggest title would short-circuit the club's $400,000-a-year radio and television deal, which stipulates one heavyweight championship show annually. Control over other titles had been lost earlier (Newsweek, Aug. 9, 1948).

Worst of all, perhaps, was the danger implied in the sports holdings of Louis's new confederates. In addition to owning the classy Detroit Red Wings hockey team and a number of arenas in Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, and lesser cities, the Norris-Wirtz firm has become a major stockholder in Twentieth Century's leased home—Madison Square Garden.

Eventually, Jacobs's old breadwinner might be the death of his club, but Wilbur Wood of The New York Sun acidly didn't see anything to get alarmed about: "What of it? What difference does it make to fistic customers who does the promoting? The public still will be asked to pay high prices for low-grade entertainment in the heavyweight division."

About the way Paladin handled, and now he confirmed their doubts down in the gullies. In a succession of deep washes that require alertness to orders, Paladin frittered away nearly eight minutes. In three points, he drew two blanks.

Sierra Joan, meanwhile, made four finds and accomplished three of them in thirteen minutes. She was quick and clean in obeying Handler Howard Kirk. The lemon-and-white pointer went off on great sweeps that settled the question about her running; experts said she looked even sharper over her fourth bevy than she had in pointing her first one.

Two other dogs (Fast Delivery and Pandemonium) had been ordered held ready for possible repeat performances, but the judges were through looking. They gave the national championship to six-year-old Sierra Joan, a three-time contestant in this classic and the first female to win it since 1936.

Court Rules Louis Must Tell if Model Got Gifts

CHICAGO, April 22 — (AP) — Joe Louis was told by the Superior Court today there are times when he must talk.

Judge Samuel B. Epstein said he wants the retired heavyweight boxing champion to come up with answers to these questions:

Did he ever buy Mrs. Mattie Faulkner, New York model, a mink or beaver coat?

Did he ever deposit $10,000 to her bank account?

Did he ever buy her a cocktail ring or a diamond ring with emeralds worth $20,000?

Is it true that Mrs. Faulkner nursed his eye after his first fight with Joe Walcott?

$500,000 SUIT——

The court wants to know about those items because the model's husband, the Rev. Matthew C. Faulkner, 32, is suing Louis for $500,000.

He claims the fighter stole his wife's affections while Faulkner, a Baptist minister, was serving as an Army chaplain.

At today's pretrial hearing Sol R. Friedman, attorney for the minister, told Judge Epstein that Louis declined to answer the questions during a meeting in his office February 9.

Friedman said Louis' attorney, Truman Gibson, advised the champion, now a promoter, to remain silent.

Judge Epstein said he felt the answers were needed to establish the relationship between Louis and Mrs. Faulkner, known professionally as Carolle Drake Faulkner.

The judge added, however, that his order does not mean he will allow the questions and answers to be admitted into evidence at the trial. That will be decided later.

Gibson said Louis is in Detroit but will be here in two weeks and will meet with Friedman.

The minister's lawyer offered to fly to Detroit today, but Judge Epstein said he felt that unnecessary.

Jim Norris, Joe Louis's associate in the International Boxing Club, failed to [illegible] Charley Johnston, manager of Freddie Saddler, for a two-[illegible] yesterday. Norris [illegible] Willie Pep, featherweight champion, lined up

Louis ends fighting career in Manilla; back tomorrow

MANILA — Heavyweight champion Joe Louis wound up his fighting career and cancelled out a four-year (since his discharge from the Army) association with his manager, Marshall Miles, and trainer, Manny Seaman, here last Thursday with two three-round charity exhibitions. Louis got $15,000 for the date, his sponsors said.

Introduced as the "greatest fighter of all times," Louis gallantly demurred, said he thought the title rightfully belonged to Jack Dempsey.

Louis and his entourage will arrive back in Los Angeles tomorraw (Sunday) and will leave Monday for Chicago, where the champion will divide his time between promoting his world's heavyweight championship bout between Jersey Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles and defending himself in a $500,000 alienation of affections suit filed against him by the Rev. Matthew C. Faulkner.

Joe Louis Retires

It may be true, as the Tennessean Sports Editor says: "Joe Louis stepped down as world's heavyweight fistic king because he realized he was all washed up.

But the question before the house is: "Who, among the current crop of heavyweight contenders isnt all washed up?"

There certainly does not seem to be any fighter on either side of the race-dividing fence who is Joe Louis' equal and Joe has been waiting around for the past twelve years for both factions to produce his master. He couldn't wait forever because, in the meantime Old Father Time was moving in with his sickle keen, and getting ready to mow down the world's greatest heavyweight champion with just as much impartiality as he has shown for the great of all other professions.

What the historian can say of Joe Louis is that he proved by every test that he was the greatest heavyweight champion the ring has had since they began crowning kings of the squared circle. Getting out of the game while the getting was good was plain common sense.

It remains to be seen if Louis will further demonstrate his wisdom by refusing any and all attempts that will be made to lure him back into the ring after he has remained out of it for a year or more. If he decides to re-enter the ring on the assumption that he "is as good as he ever was," Louis is likely to meet the same fate that overtook Champion James J. Jefferies back in 1910.

Champion Jeffries was lured back into the ring to "redeem the championship for the white race." Back there it was presumed that supreme prowess as a boxer had something to do with the race of the gladiator. They contended that psychology entered into it also and said that even if Jack Johnson, a colored boxer, were just as good a fighter as Jeffries, he could not defeat Jeffries because of a difference between a member of a "superior and an inferior race." That was the propaganda back in 1910 and they appeared to have convinced everybody that this was so—that is everybody but Jack Johnson.

Just as it was not true that James J. Jeffries was the greatest boxer of his day because he was white, it is not true that Joe Louis is the greatest boxer of this generation because he is colored. It is probable that Jeffries in his best days was not as great a boxer as Jack Johnson was at the same time. It is unfortunate that back in those days it was considered proper to "draw the color line" in the heavyweight division.

This matter of drawing the color line lasted down to the days of Jack Dempsey who refused to fight Harry Wills, colored, conceded to be a first-rate rival of Champion Dempsey. Nobody was much interested in mixed bouts, so they said, in waving aside Harry Wills as a challenger for the heavyweight crown. But the outcome of that action by the Dempsey management was to get the champion barred as a fighter in New York state, thanks to square-shooting James A. Farley, who at the time was chairman of the New York Boxing Commission.

Of Joe Louis it can be said that he never drew the color line. He never even refused to give a rival a second crack at the heavyweight title. Over a stretch of twelve long years he met all comers and at the end retired a total stranger to defeat. This cannot be said of any other man who was heavyweight champion. Even Jack Johnson, in his brief career as champion, was not as willing as Joe Louis to give every man who wanted to contest for the championship a chance to do so.

All of Joe Louis' real friends wanted him to retire as the undefeated champion. They did not want him to spoil his brilliant record by continuing to fight, when he had all to lose and nothing to gain by such action. They did not want Louis to hear the howl of the wolves that would have been let loose the day Joe lost the championship, even if it had been as late as his 50th birthday. Whoever beat Joe at that time would have been propagandized as a much greater boxer than Joe Louis was in his prime.

As it is the wolf pack will camp on Joe's heels now that he has resigned as champion to become a promoter. They will be saying all manner of evil against him, at least until he dies. The motive for this will be an effort to belittle the youngster who escaped from the hostile land of his birth, went to a land of opportunity, and made a notable contribution to the proof that "All of God's Children Got Wings." Also, proof that fair employment practices are a profitable venture—blessing him that gives and him that gets.

$100,000 Cash, Third of Profits, Perhaps Wife

Joe Hitting the Jackpot!

Retired champ discusses big deal over telephone.—INP.

MIAMI, Fla.—Joe Louis, who electrified the fight world with his desertion of the heavyweight title class, revealed that he will get one-third of the profits during his 140-month tenure atop the heavyweight division, said that he had no regrets about retiring from his championship. He revealed that financial reasons were contributing factors in making his important decision.

Louis stated that he thought it safer to retire undefeated, and obtai a good opportunity of going into the promotion business in which he would be risking nothing.

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initiated by the new boxing alliance, known as the International Sporting Club.

In addition, informed sources say that the ex-champion may effect a reconciliation with his Mexican divorced wife, Marva, since he has decided to halt his nation-wide jaunts on exhibition tours held in connection with the heavyweight crown.

Strong rumors circulating around Gotham fight circles, and yet to be denied, have it that Louis, in addition to his one-third interest in boxing's newest promotional combine, received $100,000 in cold cash for his retirement.

His new business associates will be Arthur M. Wirtz, co-owner of the Hollywood Ice Reveiw with actress-skater Sonja Henie, and James D. Norris, Madison Square Garden director, principal owner of the Chicago Stadium, the Detroit Olympia, and the Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League.

The Brown Bomber, whose efficient fists have hammered into submission twenty-five challengers

Introducing Louis & Co., Ltd.

The nation's newest boxing combine was on hand for the celebration of Joe Louis's 35th birthday (Friday the 13th) and to share the one-time Brown Bomber's natal cake. Enjoying proceedings along with Joe are his partners in the powerful new International Boxing Club, James Norris (left) and Arthur Wirtz (right). General John Reed Kilpatrick, president and chairman of the Madison Square Garden Corp., sits to Joe's left.

Joe Louis Denied Beer License, Capone Man Seen 'Using' Him

The State Liquor Authority announced yesterday it had disapproved an application for a wholesale beer license by a newly organized company headed by Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing champion, on the ground that a Chicago brewery holding a stock interest in the Louis concern is allegedly controlled by a former member of the old Al Capone gang.

The concern seeking the license is World Champions, Inc., incorporated in Illinois last fall, and in addition to naming Louis as president, lists Sugar Ray Robinson, welterweight champion, as chairman of the board of directors.

The State Liquor Authority said that one stockholder in the new Louis company is the Canadian Ace Brewing Company, Inc., of Chicago, which, the authority added, is controlled by Alexander Louis Greenberg, a former associate of Capone. The Canadian Ace concern, according to the authority, was formerly known as the Manhattan Brewing Company and had been owned by Capone.

Charles W. Chattaway, assistant counsel for the State Liquor Authority, said that records show that Greenberg had been arrested and indicted twice in Chicago, but not convicted. In 1919, he said, Greenberg was indicted on charges of grand larceny of fifteen barrels of liquor and as a receiver of stolen property, and in 1925 he was indicted in the theft of a quantity of rum. Greenberg has been with the Canadian Ace Brewery since 1922. Mr. Chattaway said, and is its present president and a director.

The Canadian Ace company has had a license for wholesale beer in New York but has been the subject of revocation proceedings, which were terminated Tuesday, with decision reserved.

Mr. Chattaway said Joe Louis told him he had known Greenberg for seven years and had regarded him as a Chicago business man. Robinson, who runs the Sugar Ray Tavern at 2074 Seventh Avenue, near 123d Street, said he had known Greenberg for three years and that he, too, had assumed him to be a business man. Louis is on an exhibition tour through the South and last night was at Daytona Beach, Fla.

"There is no indication in the investigation conducted by the authority," said the official announcement yesterday by George P. Butterly jr., deputy commissioner of the authority," that the integrity of either Joe Louis or Ray Robinson can be questioned. The authority believes that the stockholders, directors and offices of Canadian Ace, holder of 100 shares of stock in World Champions, Inc., had planned to use both Louis and Robinson in an attempt to 'push their beer' in New York State."

The authority added that both Louis and Robinson had held liquor licenses in the state and that Robinson holds a retail license at the present time.

"It is the authority's belief," said the official announcement, "that, like many other prominent and creditable persons, Joe Louis and Ray Robinson have undoubtedly allowed their names to be used by persons of evil design."

At Daytona Beach Louis declined to comment. He referred all questions to his attorney, Truman Gibson.

Louis Retires Undefeated; Plans to Promote Title Go

Charles-Walcott Championship Bout Planned

By JAMES F. FOWLER
(The Associated Press)

Miami Beach, Fla., March 1—Joe Louis resigned as undefeated world heavyweight boxing champion Tuesday to become a fight promoter.

The Alabama-born Negro who has held the heavyweight crown longer, and defended it more often, than any man in boxing history made his formal resignation by letter to the national boxing commission.

He asked for and received NBA permission to promote a match between Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott in June for the NBA-recognized world's heavyweight title.

Louis' resignation was submitted to NBA commissioner Abe J. Greene of Paterson, N. J., visiting here, and Flamen D. Adae, NBA president of Miami Beach.

A new fight promotion alliance with Arthur M. Wirtz, James D. Norris, owners of the Chicago stadium, and Louis sharing equal ownership was formed. It is to be called the International Boxing Club.

"I have already begun to work in my new capacity as director of boxing for the club," Louis wrote the NBA, "our organization has obtained the signatures of Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott on agreements to engage in a 15-round heavyweight contest this June."

Both contenders, Louis said, have been recognized by the NBA and "other recognized and competent authorities as the top ranking contenders. Their ring records fully justify these rankings."

Both Charles and Walcott, Louis said, have agreed that the winner of the June fight shall meet either Lee Savold or Gus Lesnevich within 90 days and that the NBA-recognized champion will defend his title at least twice a year.

Louis' decision to quit the ring and go into business was his own.

"I'm glad to retire," he said, "it takes a great load off my mind. I could see that I could not fight any more and rather than lose the title in the ring, I decided to quit."

The Brown Bomber said his decision matured into a reality in the past 10 days.

Norris, one of the world's biggest grain operators, said he and his partner for some time had contemplated a partnership with Louis in the fight promotion game.

Although the new partnership owns the Chicago stadium, largest sports arena in the world, no decision has been made where the Walcott-Charles fight will be held.

"I think it would be more dignified to hold it outdoors," Norris said, "and Louis agrees with me."

Louis, who won the crown from James J. Braddock on June 22, 1937, in Chicago, said he had talked the whole proposal over with "Uncle Mike" Jacobs, aged and ailing promoter who handled all of Louis' 25 title defenses.

"Uncle Mike said he had no beef," Louis said. "I did what I said I would do, stick with Mike as long as I was boxing. And I did it."

"Uncle Mike has shown a deep interest in me throughout my whole fighting career and for that I can never thank him enough," Louis said in a public statement.

For Uncle Mike, head of the 20th Century Sporting Club, it meant "I'll have to retire, too."

In his winter home here, Jacobs said he told Louis that he ought to stay out of the promoting game.

"I told him I was opposed to him promoting fights. I told him I didn't want any part of it, and that I thought he was doing the wrong thing.

"As for me, I'm going to stay here. It looks like he's picked a lot of dead ones."

That the new corporation was blessed by the NBA was brought out in a formal statement by commissioner Greene. He said:

"Louis' proposal has been submitted in an orderly fashion. There has been no attempt to create a new champion by dictum. The championship will be won in the ring, and since all four leading contenders have been consulted and given equal opportunity, the NBA is prepared to recognize this plan.

"The NBA always has been opposed to title scrambles. The plan avails no chaos which would result from a mad and disorganized scramble."

As a tribute to the retiring champion, Greene added:

"Louis, as in all his boxing career, has approached this climax to his boxing ring activity in the same honorable and fair approach which has marked his brilliant and outstanding tenure as champion."

Louis' sudden and unexpected decision caught much of the boxing world by surprise. Details of the planned retirement, although extensively rumored, remained a secret until Greene called a formal press conference at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday.

The announcement brought to a sudden end 20th Century Club plans to sponsor an outdoor championship fight in Yankee Stadium in New York this summer.

Hardly had the first news of Louis' retirement spread across the globe when fight promoters were laying claim to the crown.

In London, Jack Solomons, Europe's leading fight promoter, said he had Lee Savold under contract and would match him with a British fighter in London for the heavyweight crown, probably in September. The British candidate was to be either Freddie Mills or Bruce Babcock.

Billy Daly, Savold's manager, said in New York that he was "very disappointed" that Louis never had fought his man.

"I'm going to take Savold to Europe and we're going to clean up the Continent's best fighters. After that we'll claim Louis' vacated championship," Daly said.

At Miami's International Airport, just before Louis took off for Nassau, Bahamas, to appear with Eddie Edwards in an exhibition there Tuesday night, Louis said he was "glad to retire."

In the press statement, Louis was quoted as saying:

"I am certain you know how sorry I must be to let the championship go this way. I have held it for a long time and I won it in the ring. I expected to lose it in the same way I won it. This is the way champions should be made."

Facts and Figures On Reign Of Joe Louis

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (INS)—Here at a glance, are the facts and figures on the fabulous reign by Joe Louis as world's heavyweight boxing champion:

WON TITLE: In Chicago, June 22, 1937, knocking out champion Jim Braddock in the eighth round.

DEFENDED TITLE: 25 times, winning all but three by knockouts. Only Tommy Farr, Arturo Godoy and Joe Walcott in his first battle with Louis managed to last the distance.

TOTAL RING EARNINGS TO 1949: $3,887,323.72, including exhibitions (plus an estimated $250,00 earned in exhibitions this year.)

LAST TITLE DEFENSE: June 25, 1948 at Yankee Stadium, New York, when Louis knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott, in 11 rounds.

NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL FIGHTS: 70

NUMBER OF VICTORIES AS A PRO: 69. (During his entire professional ring career Louis lost only once, to Max Schmeling in 1936, whom he later knocked sprawling in the first round.)

FIRST PRO FIGHT: Against Jack Kracken in Chicago, for which Louis was paid $50.

BIGGEST MONEY FIGHT: on June 19, 1946 against Billy Conn. $625,916.44.

Joe Louis Makes Statement On $500,000 Suit Against Look

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Atlanta, Georgia

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CHICAGO—(ANP)—World heavyweight champion Joe Louis filed suit Jan. 4 for $500,000 against Look magazine in the Cook County Superior court.

Louis is charging the popular picture magazine with libel in connection with an article by Tim Cochane, sports editor, in the Jan. 4 issue of the magazine. In this story Cochane said Louis was deeply in debt and was forced to continue fighting. The writer predicted the heavy king would lose his title in the ring.

In a statement explaining his reasons for the suit, Louis said:

"I have today filed a libel suit for $500,000 against Look magazine in the Superior Court of Cook County, Ill. This action is based on a wholly libelous story that appeared in the Jan. 4 issue of that magazine under the by-line of Tim Cochane, its sports editor.

"The article, seemingly a discussion of boxing generally and the heavyweight situation particularly, included false, untrue and exceedingly harmful statements concerning my financial condition.

"NOT INTERVIEWED"

"I was not interviewed by a representative of Look magazine before this article was written. Mr. Cochane did not confer with my managers, Marshall Miles of Buffalo and John Roxborough of Detroit.

"He did not talk with Theodore A. Jones, treasurer of Joe Louis Enterprises, Inc. Mr. Jones, a C. P. A. has been making regular income tax payments on my behalf, nor did a Look magazine representative talk with my attorney, Truman K. Gibson, Jr., of Chicago.

"Therefore I cannot account for the source of the false information that appeared in the Look magazine article. I do know however, that each and every statement in this article is an unqualified falsehood.

"In my many years in the boxing business, I have always felt that any writer had the right to criticize me for my actions in and out of the ring. Naturally, I do not enjoy this criticism, as who does, but I know I fmust expect it as a public figure.

RECOGNIZES CRITICISM

"In this law suit I have not taken the position that I must not be criticized. If the author of the article in Look magazine merely had made statements reflecting on my boxing ability, I would have accepted these as part of the role of heavyweight champion.

"My ring record will stand or fall [illegible] the future in the ring. I have always tried to be a good fighting champion. If Mr. Cochane had chosen to underline actual out-of-ring incidents involving me I would not have instituted this law suit.

"Because I pay my taxes and other debts, and have always tried to do right, I could not stand by and permit these untruths to be written—untruths that can destroy me and the businesses with which I am connected now and will be in the future."

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Louis Signs Walcott and Charles To Exclusive Two-Year Contracts

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June Rivals Accept Terms as Part of Deal for Title Bout—Retired Champion Says He Wants No Conflict With Jacobs

New York Times

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MIAMI, Fla., March 2 (AP)—Promoter Joe Louis, who learned about contracts from Mike Jacobs, revealed today he had tied up the National Boxing Association version of the heavyweight championship for his international boxing club by exclusive two-year agreements with Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott.

"Charles or Walcott, whichever wins in June, has agreed to fight only for us for two years," said Louis on his return from another successful exhibition at Nassau. "That was part of the deal by which they will fight for the title. The winner has to fight either Lee Savold or Gus Lesnevich in 90 days."

When Louis won his crown from Jim Braddock in 1937 he signed a 10-year contract with Jacobs. That contract was a most important factor in the rise to power of Jacobs' Twentieth Century Sporting Club.

Louis appears to be in the promotional game to stay with the substantial financial backing of his new partners, Arthur M. Wirtz and James D. Norris.

Promoters Told of Move

"I'll handle the big bouts," said the retired champion. "I will suggest the matches I think are the best. We'll still work with the local matchmakers in each city when we come in. We don't want to hurt anybody.

Louis sent out a batch of wires and air mail letters today, informing all promoters and matchmakers of his official retirement. He told them all to expect to hear from him soon.

"We don't want any fight with Mike Jacobs," said Louis when informed of Jacobs' decision to return to active direction of the Twentieth Century. "There ought to be room in New York for more than one promoter."

Actually, the new organization has enormous resources to finance any prolonged war with other boxing promoters. It controls five arenas and already has the skeleton of a local staff in operation.

Norris is a son of James Norris, Chicago grain operator. Wirtz, the third partner with Louis, is a partner with the Norrisses in a vast Midwest entertainment empire.

"After all it's just a case of Joe (Louis) coming back to us," said Norris. "We had him originally. He used to box for us in Detroit fresh out of the Golden Gloves.

Charles, Walcott To Fight In June

By CHARLES DUNKLEY

Chicago, March 23 (AP)—Promoter Joe Louis will stage the Ezzard Charles-Jersey Joe Walcott showdown for his vacated world's heavyweight title in Chicago—right where he won it from Jim Braddock in 1937.

The date, probably in June, and the site—either at Chicago Stadium or one of the major league baseball parks—will be worked out by Joe's International Boxing Club with the Illinois Athletic Commission.

The selection of Chicago, over bids from Detroit, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Cincinnati, for the National Boxing Association version of the heavyweight crown, was announced at a news conference today.

Elimination Was Proposed.

New York, one of the two states outside N.B.A. membership, has proposed an "elimination" tourney for Louis' title and will not recognize the Walcott-Charles winner as champion. Maryland is the other non-N.B.A. state.

Louis, nattily dressed in a dark, blue double-breasted suit, also disclosed that his first promotional venture since he vacated the title on March 1, would be a bout at Detroit's Olympia the week of April 24.

Joe said he hoped to arrange a match then between featherweight champion Willie Pep, or his recent title victim, Sandy Saddler, and "an outstanding feather performer."

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Louis, although non-committal on the heavyweight title bout date, did not dodge a question on a possible June meeting.

"That month was awful good to me," grinned the 34-year-old retired champion. "That's when I won the title from Braddock at Comiskey Park here—June 22 in 1937."

The Illinois Boxing Commission, hearing of the I.B.A. selection of Chicago, said it would hold a special meeting, probably before Monday, to discuss plans for the fight.

The I.B.A., in which Arthur Wirtz and James D. Norris, Chicago Stadium and Detroit Olympia executives, are Louis' partners, has yet to obtain an Illinois license for operation. It's a foregone conclusion it will be granted by the Illinois commission.

It was a foregone conclusion that Chicago would get the Walcott-Charles fight, although Louis and Wirtz said that "firm offers" by the other cities were considered. Foremost was a reported half-million dollar bid by Sam Becker, Cincinnati promoter.

Louis Resigns Heavyweight Title And Will Become Boxing Promoter

By LOUIS EFFRAT

Joe Louis, heavyweight champion since June 22, 1937, yesterday officially relinquished boxing's richest and most glamorous title with the formal announcement from Miami Beach, Fla., of his retirement from active competition in the ring.

followed his letter of resignation to Abe J. Greene, National Boxing Association Commissioner, Louis said: "I learned from your office today that you are in Miami Beach. I am, therefore, writing you here to submit my formal resignation as the world heavyweight champion.

"I am certain you know how sorroy I must be to let the championship go this way. I have held it for a long time and I won it in the ring. I expected to lose it the same way I won it. This is the way champions should be made.

Following is the text of Louis' letter:

Stadium, already has launched plans to determine his successor as titleholder. In a second note, which

Lesnevich.

Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott, two of the leading heavyweight contenders.

This fifteen-round contest is to be the survivor of June's ring. I have held championship for a long time and I won it in way champions should be made.

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KALPH McGILL

'If You Was Ever a Raggedy Kid--

Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta Georgia

I was reading Joe Louis' story. A smart ghost writer helped with it. The smart ghosts don't change much. They take the man's own words and put them down. Reading this, you know Louis told it and the ghost had enough feel for words to keep it Louis' story.

He was writing about his first big fight in New York. He said: "I climbed into the ring and looked around. I saw the most people I ever saw in one place at one time. There was more than 60,000. This was my first fight in New York and this was the night I remember best in all my fighting. If you was ever a raggedy kid and you come to something like that night, you'd know. . . ."

Once a man of high position asked me to put into words the essence of "the American system." I tried and tried. I couldn't do it. Joe Louis has almost done it in that paragraph, and with the sentence: "If you was ever a raggedy kid and you come to something like that night. . . ."

Dempsey Once I was talking to Jack Dempsey back in the days when he was the champion. I asked him what was the most important factor in his climb to the title. "Wanting it and what it would buy," he said. "Remembering all the lonely, hungry days and nights and wanting the company, the food, the clothes, the lights the money would buy and the doors it would open."

I guess that is, in its way, the essence of what the system in this country means. It is a country which provides an incentive to try to keep on climbing, not to be a "success," but to use what the Lord gave you and cash in on it in terms of the set of values a man has—and provides the opportunity for those who want it bad enough. But back of it must be the quality of wanting and there must also be the proper values if what is attained is to endure or have any savor in the mouth.

Power The power of wanting something more drives some on to great riches which they cannot use because values were not associated with ability. It brings modest accomplishments and great. The person who has that drive won't lose it readily. Sometimes sorrow and grief, worry and tragedy, will destroy it in suicide or, perhaps sadder, let it flicker out like a candle stub. Sometimes a man breaks his heart trying to find a way. But, more often than not, this country has provided opportunity for those who want to get out there at the plate and take their swings.

Swings I've seen little girls starve and go shabby in clothes and shoes until they whipped the words in line for the book that was in them. I've watched kids in ballet rehearsals in New York who had behind them long years of eating peanut butter crackers for dinner and hundreds of weary hours of practice at nights when muscles were already tired from working all day. I've seen the actors and actresses who kept on trying. And got there. I've seen the same drama in a department store. And in the newspaper business I've watched those who were always trying to work themselves on into the next job.

You can see every day the same sort of drive Joe Louis was talking about—"If you was ever a raggedy kid—" The rags aren't necessary. But dreams are. And if values go along with the dream then it really is good.

Mail I got to thinking this way after going through some mail and picking up the Joe Louis story galleys sent out by a syndicate. In the mail there had been a stupid letter from a woman who said she knew she could get to be a writer if she could get someone with pull to get the editors to look at her manuscripts. She said she knew they never looked at stuff they got in the mail.

It is odd how many there are who think that. Actually, a good half the stories and articles most magazines publish "come over the transom," as they say. And every manuscript is read with hope. Just that day I had had lunch with a young lady whose second book was in her publisher's hands. I recall how I first heard of her. I was in a New York publisher's house on a visit. "We are excited," he said, "about an unsolicited manuscript we got in the mail a few weeks ago. It is from an Atlanta girl." He told me her name. I didn't know her. I looked her up when I got back home. She had been doing hard, obscure work for years. She wasn't a raggedy kid, but she had had to pinch the nickels hard! She had the dream, values and the hard seed of ability which she had been tending a long time to make it begin to grow.

Her book was the night she climbed into the ring and saw 60,000 persons. . . . "and when you come to something like that night, you know. . . ."

Joe Loses Decision to New York Czar

Detroit Free Press

Eagan Refuses to Sanction Walcott-Charles Title Bout

Detroit Michigan

NEW YORK—(U.P.)—Joe Louis declared that there was no "double cross" when he gave up his title, left Mike Jacobs' 20th Century Club, and tried to get control of the vacant heavyweight crown for his own promotional outfit.

Ex-champ Joe made one of the most vigorous defenses of his career during a massed interview that at times resembled an inquisition.

His "double-cross" defense was made immediately after a conference with Chairman Eddie Eagan, of the New York Boxing Commission, at Eagan's downtown law offices.

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JOE TOLD THE interviewers Eagan refused to recognize his signed Ezzard Charles-Jersey Joe Walcott bout as a title fight, although officials of the National Boxing Association had agreed to title recognition.

Accordingly, Joe said, the Charles-Walcott bout will be staged outside New York — "probably at Chicago"—although other cities like Cleveland, Detroit and Philadelphia are being considered.

Louis and his new International Boxing Club plans to promote other bouts in New York, however, he said.

Louis, who formally resigned as champion last Tuesday, said he had played "absolutely fair" with Mike Jacobs.

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HE EXPLAINED that Mike had said to him at Miami Beach, Fla., on Jan. 25, "I don't think you ought to fight again, Joe." Truman Gibson, Joe's attorney, was present when Mike said that, according to the ex-champ.

Joe said the best proposition Mike and his outfit could offer for another title defense was a percentage of the receipts and $25,000 a year for 10 years for remaining connected with the club as a front man.

Mike would offer no guarantee. "I wanted a $100,000 guarantee, regardless of any other angles," Joe said.

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"IT APPEARED that Mike and I could do no business in a title fight, so I began looking around for a better proposition. I approached Norris and Wirtz with my proposition of forming a promoting partnership in which each should invest the same amount of money. They agreed if the NBA would recognize our first fight as a heavyweight title match.

"But before we officially closed the deal, I went to Jacobs at Miami Beach and told him of my proposition with Norris and Wirtz.

"Mike told me he thought I was making a mistake in trying to become a promoter. But he said he had no beef. I had played absolutely square with him."

Joe Louis Fails To Get Eagan to Sanction Bout

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Rebuff Forces Promoter to Stage Charles-Walcott 'Title' Match Outside N.Y.

Birmingham Ala.

By Jesse Abramson

In his new role of boxing promoter, Joe Louis yesterday heard from Eddie Eagan personally what the public already had been told: that his Ezzard Charles-Jersey Joe Walcott bout would not be sanctioned by the New York commission as a championship match.

Rebuffed by Eagan on this mission and grilled by the press afterward in a style to which he was not accustomed as champion, Louis said he and his two partners in the International Boxing Club would s tage the "championship bout" outside New York, probably in Chicago.

Pinned down on the point whether National Boxing Association sanction (which he already had when he announced his entrance into the promotional field last week) or New York sanction was more important, Louis parried the issue.

Doesn't Want Two Champions

"They are equally important," Louis said. "I don't want two sets of champions."

It was his first visit to New York since he retired as champion. The writers, none of whom had been in Miami Beach last week, tried to get some conflicting statements straightened out by adopting the prosecutional line of questions: "Where were you on the night of Jan. 25," "What did you say," and "What did he say."

Under a barrage of such questions the fledgling promoter got involved in mis-statements which his lawyer and his press agent tried to clear up.

Louis stated, and repeated, that he had signed Lee Savold and Gus Lesnevich, too, to meet the winner of the Charles Walcott bout "within ninety days."

Bill Daly, manager of Savold, flatly denied he had signed with Louis, reiterating that he had an exclusive contract with the Twentieth Century S. C. until Nov. 2.

Truman Gibson, his lawyer, moved into the interview to tell the press they misunderstood Louis, who, as champion, was clear enough to understand. What Louis meant, said Gibson, was that he had Walcott and Charles signed to meet Savold or Lesnevich in that order of priority.

The interview covered a lot of old ground.

Information gleaned from the interview consisted of the following:

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Louis found Eagan "friendly and helpful" even though he did not sanction his championship. The International Boxing Club will file incorporation papers in New York and Illinois. The incorporation steps will be taken in a few days. Louis will put up the same amount of money as each of his two partners; the sum was disclosed. The I. B. C. will seek a New York license, for which the commission requires a year lease on an approved building or park.

Louis to Continue Tour

Louis said this was the first time he had retired "officially" and if he changed his mind (answering a hypothetical question) he would come back as a challenger. But he definitely was not coming back, he said.

He flies back today to Aruba to continue his exhibition tour which winds up in St. Paul March 22, with a fine sendup at Orlando tonight. Louis, with a fine sendtimental touch, today announced more years of such exhibition tours.

John Roxborough and Marshall Miles, his managers when he was champion, have no part of his new promotional plans.

Louis had kayoed Lesnevich in 10 rounds and Savold in seven.

Louis Sets Title Fight For June 22

Oliver of St. Petersburg.

By Charles Dunkley

Louis Scares TKO Over Graves

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Feb. 3.—(AP)—For the second time this week Champion Joe Louis, with a fine sendlocked out an opponent, Bill Graves, Chicago, March 2 (AP)—Pro-round tech-nical knockout over Bill Graves, Chicago, Negro, in the second round tonight at Daytona Beach Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, with a fine sendlocked out an opponent, Bill Graves, Chicago, Negro, in the second round tonight at Orlando Memorial auditorium. Louis had kayoed Lesnevich in 10 rounds and Savold in seven.

the Ezzard Charles-Jersey Joe Walcott bout for his vacated world heavyweight crown will be fought June 22 at Comiskey Park.

Director Louis of the International Boxing Club 12 years ago at the same place and on the same date flattered Jim Braddock for the championship. The 35-year-old Walcott and 25-year-old Charles each will get 25 per cent of the receipts.

The other 50 per cent goes to the IBC, which should be a good fat take with the television folk all clamoring for rights on the bout.

Besides, the IBC will have the Charles-Wolcott winner committed to a title defense, within 90 days, against Lee Savold, or Britisher Bruce Woodcock or Freddie Mills.

The Charles-Walcott meeting has the blessings of the National Boxing Association as a title affair. But the non-NBA New York Athletic Commission scorns it as such, recommending that Joe's title should be pitched up for grabs in an elimination series.

It well may be that the showdown between the two Negroe battlers will draw as well as the Louis-Braddock title match on June 22, 1937. Comiskey Park, hard by Chicago's biggest Negro sector, was filled by 45,500 persons that time. They paid a gate of $715,470.

It was reported the IBC will shoot for fan-in-the-street patronage with ducats scaled from $2 to a top of $20, including tax.

Walcott, the fighting daddy from Camden, N. J., knocked Louis down three times in their two meetings. In the 1947 mix, many thought Louis a 15-round loser. But Joe belted out Walcott in 11 rounds last June.

Joe Louis Divorced

JOJUTLA, Mexico, Feb. 21.—(INS)—Judge Miguel Avendano Chavez of the Jojutla civil court announced today he has granted a divorce to Marva Trotter Louis, wife of Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, on grounds of mental cruelty and incompatibility.

Louis was ordered to pay $100 a week for the support of the couple's children, Joseph and Jacqueline, whose custody goes to Marva.

Mrs. Louis asked no alimony for herself, saying that she has sufficient funds for her own support.

Boxes In St. Paul

Chicago, March 21 (AP).—Retired heavyweight champion Joe Louis tomorrow night winds up a five-month exhibition tour which netted him $210,000. The gross take was $590,000 for 41 bouts.

Joe closes his profitable tour (apparently not his last) against Hubert Hood in a four-rounder at St. Paul, Minn. Louis did his exhibiting before approximately 250,000 persons.

Wednesday, Louis will start bearing down in his new role as director of the International Boxing Club.

He is to confer at the Chicago Stadium with I.B.C. colleagues Arthur Wirtz and Jim Norris, who control both the stadium and Detroit's Olympia Stadium.

On Site of Bout

The subject: where and when they will stage their proposed bout between Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott for Joe's vacated crown.

That's not the only iron Promoter Joe Louis has in the fire. He plans a Chicago Stadium bout the week of April 17. And he may bring Sandy Saddler, recently dethroned feather king, into Detroit's Olympia the week of April 24.

Louis hemmed and hawed today when asked if he was hanging up his gloves after this tour.

"I'm through for the spring and summer," said the retired champion, who will be 35 on May 13. "But they want me in Italy next fall. I may have three exhibition bouts there in October or November at Rome, Naples and Florence."

Made $590,000

There's a reason that Louis should be reluctant to give up exhibiting which has none of the rigors of title training.

His now-ending tour gross of $590,000 was announced by his manager, Marshall Miles, and Harry Mendel, his I.B.C. aide, who arranged the jaunt. For each of his 41 exhibition outings Louis average a clear profit of more than $5000.

The Louis entourage traveled 50,000 miles, covering all but 5000 by air.

Spingarn Medal For Louis

With the resignation of the undefeated Joe Louis as heavyweight champion of the world, undefeated after twenty-five defenses of the title, there are few who will deny his great contributions to the betterment of race relations.

He lent dignity and prestige to a profession which has usually operated on a very low plane and made an unsullied contribution to sportsmanship and good judgment.

By all standards of achievement Joe Louis deserves the Spingarn Medal if anyone does because his contribution looms far above many who have been so honored.

Where others influenced a few thousands of Americans to travel the path of tolerance and understanding, Joe Louis influenced tens of millions here and abroad to a new appreciation of Negro achievement, and it is difficult to think of any other Negro in our time who has so dramatically and consistently done more to enhance the prestige of our group.

Of course Joe Louis suffers a grave handicap in any contest for the Spingarn Medal because he was a great prizefighter rather than an actor, singer, propagandist or eductor, and for this reason may not be looked upon as sufficiently "respectable" for the award.

Nevertheless, such a recognition from his own people is only fitting and would express to the world their gratitude for his great contribution to world understanding.

Louis Quits Ring, Joins Chicagoans As Promoter

Miami Beach, Fla., March 1 (U.P.)—Joe Louis officially vacated his heavyweight boxing championship today and then matched Ezzard Charles to meet Jersey Joe Walcott for the title in a sudden turnabout from his previous plans.

The Brown Bomber, already one of the sport's immortals, sprung his sudden announcement through National Boxing Association Commissioner Abe J. Greene in a series of letters which Greene read to a press conference.

"I have held the championship for a long time and I won it in the ring," Louis' statement said. "I expected to lose it the same way I won it. However, things have developed so that I think I ought to stick to the retirement announcement I made some time ago."

Then, on the heels of that, Greene read the Louis decision to go into the promotion business with Arthur M. Wirtz and James D. Norris, two Chicago associates. They will operate as the International Boxing Club with Louis the director.

Chicago Likely Scene

Louis said he has matched Charles, split decision victor last night over Joe Maxim, and Walcott, the man the Bomber twice defeated in championship fights, for the championship in June. The winner, Louis said, would meet either Lee Savold or Gus Lesnevich in a fall title bout. Sites of the proposed matches were not disclosed, but Chicago was considered likely since Norris owns the Chicago Stadium.

Greene said the NBA would "go along" with a title match between Charles and Walcott, but New York State Boxing Commission Chairman Eddie Eagan said he disapproved of a single fight for the vacated title. He preferred an elimination tournament.

Louis' announcement caught the boxing world by surprise. Although the champion had announced his retirement from the ring after his knockout victory over Walcott in June, he subsequently said he would defend the crown again this June.

He had mentioned many possible contenders, but seemed to lean more to the winner of tonight's Charles-Maxim fight in Cincinnati.

"Hated to Do It"

Following his announcement before leaving for an exhibition bout through Greene today, Louis, be in Nassau, said, "I really hated to do it. It meant so much to me. But I can't take it back now."

He said he would return to Chicago March 18, but will continue exhibitions.

Louis offered patricular thanks to Mike Jacobs, ailing, aging head of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club which promoted Louis' fights and built a powerful boxing dynasty in the process. "I can never thank him enough," Louis said.

'But I know, at least, my mother will be happy in my final decision."

His mother, Mrs. Joseph Louis Barrow of Detroit, often begged Joe to give p the ring while still on top.

Louis said he told Jacobs Sunday of his decision during a meeting at the promoter's Miami Beach home. Someone who was present said today that Jacobs put his arm around Louis' shoulders, and said:

"Joe, I ain't got a kick coming. You were always great with me."

But not all of the 20th Century organization knew of Lois' decision, apparently. Managing Director Harry Markson left Cincinnati by plane today after attending the Charles-Maxim fight headed for Miami to confer with Louis concerning a June meeting.

Blow to 20th Century

Actually, the 20th Century was absorbing a staggering blow, for Louis was its trump card in control of the sport.

Only yesterday the organization was set back when the Tournament of Champions, nIc., its principal New York rival, claimed it can obtain the Polo Grounds for a June right, marking the first time in decades any group other than 20th Century could stage a major outdoor fight in New York.

Today the T. of C. gleefully followed up Louis' announcement by saying it will stage a heavyweight elimination tournament.

Greene, in agreeing to the Charles-Walcott match, said, "there has been no attempt to create a champion by any dictum. The championship always will be won in the ring.' He said the NBA was opposed to "title freezes" and that the Louis plan of title fights would "avoid chaos which would result from a mad disorganized scramble."

Joe Louis Returning from Coast

He'll Discuss Details for Charles, Walcott

CHICAGO—(U.P.)—The moguls of the International Boxing club, retired Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, Arthur Wirtz and James D. Norris, will meet next week possibly to settle some details for their heavyweight championship match between Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott June 22.

Louis, who has been in Los Angeles, will arrive Tuesday. The three will confer to the price scale for the fight, decide where the ring will be set up in Comiskey Park, and perhaps agree on television rights.

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IN ADDITION it was expected they would discuss possible sites for the heavyweight title fight. It was understood that they wanted two sites less than 50 miles from Chicago.

A spokesman for the club said that all major television networks were bidding to cover the fight.

There was no indication what the price scale might be, but it was certain the fee would not come close to the $100 top which Mike Jacobs demanded in New York for recent Louis fights. Rumors hinted that the highest

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LOUIS PLANNED to go to Detroit Wednesday to complete arrangements for IBC's first promotion there, scheduled for April 27.

The card will include three 10-round bouts and a four-round exhibition between Featherweight Champion Willie Pep and Ellis Ask.

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DETROIT—(U.P.)—Joe Louis, retired heavyweight champion, will receive $20 or $30.

Wendell Smith's Sports Beat

Louis' Record Makes Him Greatest . . .

The only way to judge any athlete is by his record. We have always contended that Joe Louis was the greatest heavyweight fighter of all time because of his record. H. G. Salsinger of the Detroit News rates him just as high. Here is what he said on the subject recently:

"Joe Louis' eventual place in the all-time ranking of heavyweight champions will be determined by a future generation of men that never saw him fight. They will base their ratings on the records and, that being the case, the No. 1 spot will undoubtedly be awarded to the one-time employe of the Ford Motor Company.

"You doubt that the all-time ranking will be arranged by men who never saw Louis fight? Sounds odd but it's true. How many of those who declared Johnny Sullivan the greatest fist fighter of all time ever saw him fight? How many saw Jim Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson fight? Yet, each of the four has a host of staunch supporters who insist their favorite was the best man boxing has known.

"Louis knocked out five world champions—Schmeling, Sharkey, Carnera, Baer and Braddock. He successfully defended the heavyweight title twenty-five times and retired undefeated.

"Beginning with Sullivan there have been fifteen heavyweight champions and none of the other fourteen remotely approached Louis' record.

"He wore the purple with a dignity, a graciousness and an innate nobility that is unmatched in pugilistic history.

"We have forgotten the author of the above lines, published last year, after Louis first announced his retirement. We also do not remember who wrote the following tributes:

"'It will be a long time before boxing has another champion with the class of Joe Louis, inside the ring and out of it. For the last time he has heard the words, 'The winnah and still champion.' And he was every inch a champion.

"'Let us remember him as we last saw him, standing in a neutral corner and looking with sleepy-eyed indifference at a prostrate foe.'

"It will likely be a long time before another heavyweight of distinction comes along. The current crop is the poorest in the history of the division and with no promise of improvement.

"One reason for the lack of talent is the refusal of possible contenders to assume the drudgery of training. They are far too lazy to labor and learn. They want no part of the required work. They seek a short cut to the top and fail to find one. Then they give up.

"There were so many good fighters in the old days because they trained hard. They willingly accepted the drudgery to get somewhere. Even Louis, who worked harder than any heavyweight in years, did not do as much running and walking as the old-timers, especially the heroes of the bare-knuckle days."

$50,000 Offered For Knockout Of Louis

By FRANK EMERY

MANILA—(INS)—A $50,000 prize was offered Friday for a knock out of Joe Louis during two exhibition bouts in which the retired heavyweight champion is scheduled to appear in Manila on May 5.

The reward was posted by Ted Lewin, an American sports promoter in the Philippines, who announced that Louis will box two young American fighters, one immediately after the other, in the Manila exhibition. Long distance telephone conversation with a "Hollywood friend who informed me that the Brown Bomber wants real standup competition."

Consequently, Lewin said, he had signed up Ray Stevens, 25-year-old San Francisco heavyweight, and Pvt. James Wilken, 21, to face the former world's boxing king on May 5.

AIR FORCE CHAMP

Wilken is the heavyweight champion of the U. S. Air Force in the Philippines.

Each of the youthful boxers will meet Louis in a three-round bout. Promoter Lewin said:

"I publicly offer a $50,000 contract to either boy if he knocks out Joe Louis."

Lewin said the retired world champion is due to arrive in Manila on May 2, while Stevens is slated to arrive in the Philippine Capital from San Francisco on April 29.

The two bouts will be staged in the Manila Baseball Stadium and proceeds of the affair are to be turned over to three Philippine charity organizations.

Louises' 2nd Knot Untied in Mexico

'Incompatibility' Basis for Flop; Tots to Marva

MEXICO CITY — (ANP) — The second marital venture of Joe and Marva Louis was dissolved here last week, with Marva getting the custody of the two children.

Confirmation of the divorce, sought by Marva on grounds of "incompatibility," was heralded by Mexico's leading newspaper, El Universale.

Mrs. Louis was represented by Alexander Lechuza, Mexican attorney; while Joe retained Aaron Payne, Chicago counsel, for the trial, held in the State of Morelas.

Mrs. Louis came here for the divorce because Joe Jr., was born in Mexico on May 2, 1947 and is subject to the jurisdiction of Mexican courts.

Joe "Always Traveling"

She said the divorce was sought largely because Joe "is always traveling around and I can't go with him because of the children."

The champion, en route to Kingston, Jamaica, via Miami, for an exhibition bout, had no comment to make, other than to say he would continue to make exhibition appearances "as long as they are profitable."

He was given the right to have the children with him during vacation periods.

Meanwhile, in Chicago, Walter L. Lowe, an official of the cosmetic firm bearing the name of "Joe and Marva," intimated that the divorce would have no effect upon the future of the company.

He said both parties still maintain a friendly business relationship. The two are stockholders in the corporation. In addition, Mrs. Louis has a quarter interest in all of Joe's fight contracts.

Minister's Divorce Suit Names Joe Louis

CHICAGO, June 7 — (AP) — Joe Louis, retired heavyweight champion, was accused of adultery with a New York model today in a divorce suit brought by a minister.

The Circuit Court suit of the Rev Mathew C. Faulkner, a Baptist minister and former Army chaplain, was a sequel to a $500,000 alienation of affections suit pending here against Louis.

Faulkner's divorce suit accuses his wife, Mattie, 27, who models under the name of Carolle Drake Faulkner of desertion and adultery. The minister, 33, formerly was from Atlanta, Ga., but now resides in Chicago. They have two children.

The clergyman alleged his wife committed adultery with Louis in Chicago, New York and Detroit during November and December, 1947, and January, 1948. He charged she accepted gifts of furs, jewelry and money from Louis and deserted her husband Jan. 13, 1948.

Mr. Faulkner asked that he be given custody of the children, now in New York with their mother.

Reply to Gauge Relationship

$500,000 Suit Gets Pre-Trial Hearing

SETTLEMENT RUMOR

'No Malice' in Case, Faulkner Tells Writer

By VERNON JAFFETT

CHICAGO — The non commital Joe Louis will have to talk.

At a pre-trial hearing last Friday, Judge Samuel B. Epstein, who is to hear the Rev. Matthew C. Faulkner's $500,000 alienation of affections suit against the Champ, ordered Louis to answer the following questions:

"Did you ever buy Mrs. Faulkner a mink coat?

"Did you buy her a diamond emerald ring worth $20,000?

"Did you deposit $10,000 to her bank account?

"Did Mrs. Faulkner nurse your eye after the first Jersey Joe Walcott fight?

"Did she ever tell you in a conversation that you gave her more in one check than Faulkner had in his entire life?

"Did you outfit her wardrobe when she went to London?"

To Establish Relationship

Although Judge Epstein said that the answers to these questions might not be admitted into evidence at the trial, he felt that they were needed to establish the relationship between Louis and Mrs. Faulkner, known professionally as Carolle Drake Faulkner.

Louis is expected to arrive here this week by plane from Detroit. Meanwhile, Truman K. Gibson Jr., counsel for Louis, left town last week end for a rest up in Michigan and for a huddle with Louis to map strategy for the court showdown.

Settlement Rumor

It was impossible for this writer to find a member of the Louis camp to answer the current rumor that Louis and the 32-year-old minister were negotiating an out-of-court settlement.

However, last Saturday night, Sol R. Friedman is Faulkner's attorney. He offered to fly to Detroit to question Louis, but Judge Epstein said he felt that unnecessary.

Rev. Mr. Faulkner said the case would be continued. He declared: "When one takes legal action it often appears as an act of vengeance. But in continuing this case, I hold no malice toward Louis or my wife. I'm fighting on the basis of the principles involved. The picture set to break the peace of another man's home and come between him and his children."

Mrs. Faulkner is still in New York with her two sons, Mathew and Oran Drake, 4.

Kenneth, 5, and Friday's hearing made the headlines in the evening papers here and one daily carried a front-page five-by-four-inch picture of Carolle.

Ring Champ Others Reveal Plan to Start Home Building

JOE LOUIS LEAGUE FIRM ORGANIZED

Former boxing heavyweight champion Joe Louis plans to enter the home building business in Los Angeles on a large scale, it was disclosed yesterday.

Louis and five others, including Paul W. Trousdale, a leading Southern California subdivider and builder, have filed articles of incorporation in Sacramento for "Joe Louis Homes, Inc."

Trousdale has built an estimated $50,000,000 worth of homes in Southern California in recent years.

Others in the venture are Charles H. Church, Los Angeles attorney; Truman K. Gibson Jr., Chicago attorney for Louis; Theodore A. Jones, accountant and financial adviser to the former champion, and Lewis W. Stuntson, of Los Angeles, who is associated with Trousdale interests.

FORMATIVE STAGE—

Church said yesterday that plans are only in the formative stage at the present time.

He said the idea was conceived last fall by Louis during a visit here.

The incorporation petition listed purpose of incorporation as "to purchase, own, hold, contract, lease, sell, exchange, operate and invest in lands, real estate, construct and maintain dwellings, apartment houses, hotels, business blocks, garages and manufacturing plants."

The directors ask the right to issue 499,000 shares of preferred stock and 1000 shares of common stock at $1 each.

'Love' Suit To Explode In Chicago

By WENDELL SMITH
(Courier Sports Editor)

CHICAGO—This city's judicial battleground is being prepared this week for a legal bout that may turn out to be more thrilling and exciting than any fistic melee in which Joe Louis was ever engaged.

Louis will endeavor to avoid a domestic knockout with the [illegible] and cleverness which made him famous in the ring.

His worthy opponent will be a peace-loving man, the Rev. Matthew C. Faulkner, who is prepared for a bitter fight. If victorious, the minister can get as much as $500,000 for his end of the purse. He is suing Louis for that amount because he claims Joe stole his wife's affections while Mr. Faulkner was serving as an Army chaplain.

The referee will be Judge Samuel B. Epstein.

In Louis' corner will be Atty. Truman Gibson Jr.

Atty. Sol R. Friedman will be in the Rev. Mr. Faulkner's corner.

The site will be the Superior Court and the date—within the next ten days.

FUR SURE TO FLY

No one knows how many rounds it will be but the fur is sure to fly.

In a recent preliminary swap, Louis ducked punches thrown by Attorney Fiedman which inferred he was ever romantically associated with Mrs. Faulkner.

He denied he ever deposited $10,000 to her bank account.

He denied he bought her a cocktail ring, or a diamond ring with emeralds worth $20,000; that he ever purchased a mink coat for her; that he ever met her at a Chicago apartment and kissed her; that he ever promised to marry her.

He emphatically denied that Mrs. Faulkner nursed his blackened eye the day after his first fight with Jersey Joe Walcott.

Louis' stubbornness irked Attorney Friedman to the extent that he appealed to Judge Epstein and insisted on answers. He said Louis declined to answer the questions at a meeting on Feb. 9. Friedman said Louis' attorney advised the champion, now a promoter, to remain silent.

The judge scored a point in the Rev. Mr. Faulkner's favor when he said the answers were needed to establish the relationship between Louis and Mrs. Faulkner. He said the court wants to know about these items and expects Louis to answer them.

At the meeting in Attorney Friedman's office, Louis ducked all incriminating questions. The cross-examination went like this:

Attorney Friedman: Mr. Louis, do you know a woman by the name of Carolle Drake Faulkner?

A. Yes.

Attorney Gibson: I am going to object now to any questions except those that relate to any acquaintance or knowledge in the State of Illinois, County of Cook and City of Chicago.

Friedman: Well, if I am going to ask him any questions, Counsel, relative to what happened, I cannot start off without asking if he knew somebody, where he met the person.

Atty. Gibson: He said he knew her.

Friedman: Are you directing him not to answer the question?

Gibson: Yes.

Attorney Friedman asked Louis if he saw Carolle Drake Faulkner in Chicago on Dec. 29. Louis said he did not see her.

Friedman: Well, did you see Carolle Drake Faulkner about that time in Chicago?

Louis: No.

Friedman: Did you see Beulah Nicholas, her sister, on or about Dec. 29, 1947?

Louis. I do not know Beulah Nicholas. I do not remember Beulah Nicholas, her sister.

"If I told you," said the attorney, "that on Dec. 29, 1947, at 5924 Michigan Avenue, that you met Carolle Drake Faulkner and kissed her there, you would deny that?"

Louis: Oh, definitely.

"You deny that at any time in the city of Chicago you kissed or embraced her?" the lawyer asked.

"That is right," Louis replied.

"If I told you there were several times you did," said Friedman, "you would say that is not true?"

"That is right," Louis answered.

Attorney Friedman produced a picture which was taken at the Ebony Club in New York on Dec. 11, 1947. Among those on the picture was Louis, Mrs. Faulkner and Billy Rowe, Pittsburgh Courier theatrical editor.

Louis said he met Mrs. Faulkner that night.

Q. Who introduced her to you?

A. Billy Rowe.

Q. Billy Rowe writes for The Pittsburgh Courier?

A. That is right.

Q. And he is a friend of yours?

A. That is right.

Q. Billy Rowe introduced her to you that night for the first time. After that, when was the next time you saw her?

A. I do not remember the next time I saw her. I saw her a lot of times from a distance.

Attorney Gibson refused to let Louis answer any question concerning gifts he allegedly gave Mrs. Faulkner. He refused to answer on questions relating to a cocktail ring, money or other alleged gifts.

"Did you ever have any sexual relations with Carolle Drake Faulkner?" Louis was asked.

His answer was no.

Asked if such a relationship had happened either in Chicago or New York, Attorney Gibson interrupted.

"I direct the witness not to answer any questions relating to acts occurring outside the State of Illinois," he said.

The real battling is expected to start when Louis returns from Detroit and the case goes before the court.

The Courier Salutes Our Opinions

Long Live The Champ

THOSE of us who marvel at Joe Louis' taciturn mien and lack of superego, which characterized his eleven-year sojourn atop boxing's heavyweight division, need look no further than 62-year-old Mrs. Lillie Brooks, the ex-champ's mother, for the answer.

Mrs. Brooks exemplifies all of the qualities one would seek in the mother of a thorobred such as Louis.

Soft-spoken, and like most stout people, possessor of a ready laugh she hasn't allowed Joe's phenomenal ring feats to disturb her placid life which has been built on the solid rock of down-to-earth Christianity.

"Deeply grateful to God" for the many good things she has experienced, Mrs. Brooks told a Pittsburgh Courier writer last week, "There's nothin' been writtin' yet that beats the Bible and prayer book. I raised all my children to respect it and to read it when troubles come their way."

Mrs. Brooks gave birth to boxing's brighest star in May 13, 1914 in a typical Alabama cotton field "home" . . . a weather-beaten, ramshackle shack, which by its valiant, never-ceasing struggle against the elements, served as a worthy birthplace for the all-conquering Brown Bomber.

There, Mrs. Brooks has just

MRS. LILLIE BROOKS

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cause to reflect upon those days in the Alabama shack when she comments, "When things got real bad, I'd read the Bible."

Although a niche has undoubtedly been reserved for Joe Louis in the Valhalla of Fistiana, Mrs. Brooks can rest well assured that a reservation is also awaiting her among the company of millions of unsung mothers in the promised land.

Joe Louis took off his crown last week and officially retired as heavyweight boxing king of the world. In Detroit, his mother told the press: "I never did believe Joe would fight again. I always had faith in his promise to me when he said he was through with the ring."

For eleven long years the modest lad from the backwoods of Alabama reigned supreme as a world champion in a field of sports which is popular almost everywhere. He was ready to meet anyone who dared to challenge his right to high honor.

In the course of his reign, he tasted defeat at the hands of no man whom he did not later conquer. His popularity never suffered for he was always a true sportsman and always eager to give the other fellow the benefit of any doubts.

Sports writers time after time have pointed out how Joe Louis saved the boxing sport which had fallen in popular esteem. They never tired of praising his ability and his contribution to sports generally.

No one will ever know how much Joe really meant to Negro youth in America. Such influence cannot be measured. Nevertheless, we are certain that Louis has inspired more of our youth and given them more confidence than any of our leaders no matter how great their prestige. He was a living symbol of greatness which was achieved in the right way and his actions in the ring made him a model of American fairplay.

In his stunning defeat of the boastful German, Max Schmeling, the Brown Bomber symbolized the spirit of free America in combat with Nazi Germany. Joe's victory in the prize ring was an augury of the ultimate victory of our democratic forces and was freely used in our propaganda against the Nazi state. However you look at it, Joe Louis made his championship meaningful to all America, black and white alike, and earned a secure place in the hearts of all of us. We know Americans everywhere join with us when we say, Long Live the King of Sports.

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Joe Louis

Rejected . . . But Not Final

Louis' $400,000 Fight Offer Starts Democratic Wrangle

Chicago, Jan. 24 (AP).—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis' offer to defend his title next June at Soldiers Field for a $400,000 guarantee caused complications today in the Democratic Party here.

Joseph T. Plunkett, special services chairman of the Cooke County central Democratic committee, said the group planned to sponsor the fight in June, but rejected Joe's offer as too expensive.

However, Col. Jack (Jake) Arvey, chairman of the committee, said the matter hasn't even been presented to the committee. He said that Plunkett was "speaking as an individual, not as a member of the Democratic Party."

Plunkett, who earlier had freely discussed plans for a "counter-proposal" to bring a Louis title defense here, could not be reached immediately for comment on Arvey's statement.

As far as Louis is concerned, the champion believes Plunkett represented Arvey and the committee in previous discussions.

At Miami, Fla., Joe's lawyer, Truman Gibson, said he and Marshall Miles, the champion's manager, had given an offer "in writing" for a title match to Plunkett.

"We asked for a $400,000 guarantee, 50 per cent of the movie and radio rights and an exclusive on television rights," Gibson said. "We heard they turned us down, but are offering a counterproposal."

Plunkett had said the counter-offer would include 35 per cent of net receipts, 45 per cent of radio and movie rights and 50 per cent of television.

"Joe is a free agent," Gibson continued, "he can decide for himself. He may accept an offer to appear for seven months with the Daley Brothers Circus—they have offered a half million dollars—or he may go on tour in Canada. He's free to decide for himself."

In New York, Harry Markson, director of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, said Louis is under contrat to that organization until October 1950 and cannot fight for any other promoter.

Nobody has yet established that Louis will defend his title. "I'll defend it," Louis has said in recent weeks, "if a suitable opponent comes along." According to Plunkett, this suitable opponent would be the winner of the February 28 Joe Maxim- Ezzard Charles bout

MARCUS DUFFIELD.

Herald Tribune—Acme

Joseph Louis Barrow, the second heavyweight champion of the world to retire undefeated; the only other one was Gene Tunney . . . Joe Louis held the title longer than any other champion—11 years, 8 months; defended it twenty-five times, another record; and is said to have earned a record $4,500,000 . . . born thirty-five years ago next May on a sharecrop Alabama cotton patch; his father's mother was a slave . . . Joe was the next to youngest of eight children, and his mother has said that he always liked to sleep too much and didn't talk until he was six . . . his stepfather took the family to Detroit, where they lived on relief; Joe was often hungry and sometimes didn't have shoes to wear to school . . . he played with a tough gang and could lick anybody of comparable weight . . . was persuaded to take boxing lessons, and in 1934 won the amateur light-heavyweight championship in the Detroit Golden Gloves, which started him up the fight ladder . . . now he intends to become a boxing promoter in partnership with two Chicagoans, and hopes to stage a bout in June to determine his successor as champion.

Vincent X. Flaherty—

Pops and Gran-pops Will Tell About Joe Louis

Heavyweight King Will Have Become a Legend

In years to come, when Willie collects a little age, he'll say to you: **"Pop—tell me about Joe Louis. Did you ever see him fight?"**

And maybe if you had grown into a professional old-timer you'll tell Willie:

VINCENT X. FLAHERTY

"Ever see Joe fight? Why, son, I saw practically every fight Joe had. I saw him that day in New York when he knocked out, lemme see, now—uh, that German fella, Max Schmeling. . . .

"And I saw him another time when he beat Max Baer. . . . That was in New York, I believe. . . . And another time I saw him knock out Jim Braddock. . . . That one was for the title."

And a lot of pops and gran'pops will wheel right on from there, adding little personal embellishments along the way, and sticking in things that didn't actually happen but which they've told so many times that the unreal highlights will take on the rock-ribbed authenticity of irrefutable fact.

This will be so, because Joe Louis, seemingly very serious about retirement now, will have become a legend, just as was, and is, the late John L. Sullivan.

Grown men of today recall the manner in which the old-timers of the past thrust out a paw and proudly invited other men to **"shake the hand that shook the hand of John L. Sullivan."**

Grown men of today will recall the old story about how John L. used champagne as a gargle, just by way of toning up his taster before gourmandizing himself with such succulent fodder as pheasant and lobster.

Fame Marched Before John L.

I never saw John L. in my life, but his fame marched before him and the old-timers made something of a deity of him just because he could slam a man into sudden submission with his fists.

I used to know a venerable waiter named William Rose at Harvey's Restaurant in Washington. Harvey's catered to such figures as Abraham Lincoln, Rutherford B. Hayes, U. S. Grant, Chester Arthur, James A. Garfield, Teddy Roosevelt, Mark Twain, Ralph Waldo Emerson, William Howard Taft, Sarah Bernhardt, Lillian Russell, Diamond Jim Brady—oh, a thousand famous figures of all walks of life.

Rose had worked at Harvey's from childhood and he was more than 90 years old when he died . . . he remembered all who came there . . . he worshipped Lincoln and he liked to tell about old Diamond Jim . . . but he couldn't wait to tell you about John L. Sullivan, about the way he acted, what he said and what he did . . . and he loved to give you in imitation of the way John L. used the best champagne as a mouthwash.

Why, old William Rose fairly beamed out loud as he told and retold the tale of the revolting act . . . but so sold on his man Sullivan was he that Rose actually made it sound like Sullivan was the paragon of refinement and impeccable manners.

Rose used to tell about the time Sullivan met Teddy Roosevelt in the famous old restaurant . . . Sullivan wanted Roosevelt to save his son from discharge from the Navy.

"Is he a bad boy?" asked Roosevelt. . . .

"No, Mr. President, no more so than other boys," replied Sullivan.

"Well, what's the matter with him?" asked Roosevelt bluntly.

"I don't know," said the red-faced John L. "But, good gad, Mr. President, in his younger days he took up music."

Time Will Take Care of Louis

Rose would tell you all kinds of stories like that about Sullivan, but skipped over the truly great figures in his anxiety to get to his hero. Probably not even Louis will be followed by such an enduring wave of hero-worship. Those who followed Sullivan got a measure of it . . . Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Jeffries . . . Dempsey came closest to matching Sullivan's color or whatever you call that intangible something that makes one man more remembered than another.

But time will take care of Louis in a different way . . . he was quiet and reserved outside of the ring, given to perfect behavior and carefully steering clear of unfavorable publicity. He won't be remembered as the man who killed a mule with one ponderous blow of his bare fist. Or of his bouts with Bacchus. Or as a hotshot in the nightlife circles.

Louis will be remembered mostly by his deeds in the ring and by the fact that he held the title a dozen years, defending that title 25 times against all comers without defeat.

He'll be remembered, too, for his homespun utterances, and because of his unique manner in expressing a thought in a few simple words that more eloquent men couldn't hope to put across in a thousand golden words . . . well, such as during the war days when he got up at a banquet and said:

"We're on God's side."

Joe Rates Near Top in Popularity

Los Angeles, Calif.

Joe's popularity in retirement won't match Jack Dempsey's because Joe simply didn't have that certain flash and dash that Dempsey fairly exudes. 3-3-49

He'll find himself somewhere between Dempsey and Tunney—Tunney who didn't give a whoop for boxing or the people in it, but who set his sights on one goal, the heavyweight title, and who, after reaching that goal, stepped out of the racket and turned his back on people he didn't want to associate with in the first place.

It is doubtful, too, that Louis will go down in history as the greatest heavyweight that ever lived, although Joe has a good claim for that distinction. He didn't avoid meeting anybody. He took on all comers without asking questions. He knocked off everything in sight.

But Tunney has the greatest record in heavyweight history. In more than 100 fights he lost only one—that one to Harry Greb, a man he beat twice in other meetings. Tunney never was knocked out, either. Yet, Dempsey goes right along as the fighter of the ages, even though Tunney defeated him twice. Los Angeles Examiner

Nevertheless, Louis will hang right up there 50 years from now as one of the greatest of all heavyweights . . . he won that distinction clearly. He deserves that honor. And I guess that is good enough for Joe, who never asked for anything he didn't think he deserved. Thurs. 3-3-49

Louis KO's Oliver; No Padding in Canvas, Victim in Hospital

Los Angeles Examiner 1-49

Jan 21-49

ORLANDO, Fla., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis knocked out Dixie Lee Oliver, veteran Negro fighter from St. Petersburg, Fla., in the fourth round of their exhibition bout here tonight.

Los Angeles, Calif.

Oliver, who weighed 222 pounds, was out for more than 10 minutes and was carried from the ring on a stretcher.

He was taken to a hospital for an examination.

Louis felled Oliver with a left hook to the chin one minute and 30 seconds after the last round started.

There was no padding under the canvas and Oliver's head struck the floor when he fell.

Louis, who weighed in at 221, was obviously concerned over Oliver's condition and did not leave the ring until the St. Petersburg fighter had been carried away. Tues 2-1-49

He said it was only the second fighter he had really hurt in his boxing career.

Fourteen-ounce gloves were used in the bout.

Joe Louis Angles for Cerdan-Robinson Go

Los Angeles Examiner

CHICAGO, March 23.—(INS)—Joe Louis kept his weight today to an International News Service exclusive story that Ray Robinson will fight Marcel Cerdan for the latter's middleweight title. Thurs 3-24-49

At the news conference where he announced his promotion of the Ezzard Charles-Joe Walcott heavyweight title fight, Louis was asked if he also had secured the rights to Welterweight Champion Robinson.

"He's going to fight for the tournament of champions," Louis replied, "just as soon as they get him Cerdan."

Louis Offered Philly Fight With Savold

The Post Washington D.C.

Philadelphia, Feb. 24 (AP).—Joe Louis today was offered a minimum of $300,000 to fight Lee Savold for the title.

Frank Palumbo, night club owner and co-manager of lightweight champion Ike Williams, made the offer. Fri. Feb 25-49

"I expect to contact Louis within 24 hours," Palumbo said. "Joe already knows we would like for him to meet Savold heer and I have made arrangements to speak to him by telephone. I am hopeful he will come to Philadelphia and talk over the details."

The Brown Bomber is now on an exhibition tour in Kingston, Jamaica.

Everything is up to Louis. He can: Fri. 2-25-49

1. Pick his own date—anytime during the summer of 1949 in Philadelphia.

2. Take the $300,000 guarantee or 47½ per cent of the gate, whichever is larger. Louis also was offered 47½ per cent of the radio and television rights.

3. Make a counter offer.

"I'm willing to compromise if it's to everybody's advantage," Palumbo said.

The fight would be under the personal promotion of the night club impressario, his first venture in this field.

And charity will benefit if the 15-round championship bout comes off.

"The Police Athletic Fund will be one of the main beneficiaries," Palumbo said.

Site of the proposed bout has not been selected. Palumbo hinted it would be held either at Municipal Stadium (seating 110,000); Franklin Field (75,000), or Shibe Park (40,000).

Savold's manager, Bill Daly, said he jumped at the chance.

Promotion Battle Looms As Joe Louis Quits Ring

Atlanta Constitution

Atlanta Georgia

March 23-49

By MURRAY ROSE

NEW YORK—(AP)—Joe Louis' retirement as heavyweight champion yesterday set the stage for a tremendous promotional battle over control of the abdicated throne and the prestige and huge profits that go with it.

At stake is not only the millions that go with promoting heavyweight title fights and the money harvested from fight movies, but the unknown riches that may be tapped by television.

It also may result in the shifting of the boxing spotlight from its long-time center in New York to Chicago and possibly London. Chicago's central location makes it an ideal spot for the televising of fights when video goes coast-to-coast.

London figures in the contention because of Promoter Jack Solomons' hold on two world titles and his latest bid for the heavyweight crown.

Squared off for the conflict are three, and possibly four, monied organizations.

They are:

The newly formed International Boxing Club to be run by Louis, James D. Norris, one of the world's biggest grain operators and stadium owner, and Arthur M. Wirtz, partner with Sonja Henie in ice shows, a wholesale liquor company and vast Chicago real estate properties;

The Tournament of Champions, Inc., backed by rich radio, television and entertainment interests. The T. of C. is controlled by the Columbia Broadcasting System, Music Corporation of America, a giant organization in the entertainment field, and allied syndicates, which is a public relations firm. David Charney, of Allied Syndicates, is President of the T. C. of C.;

Solomons, the British promoter. Solomons, built up a fortune selling fish and as a bookmaker. He promoted the Gus Lesnevich-Freddie Mills light heavyweight championship fight in London last Summer and now controls the 175-pound title with Mills, and the flyweight championship with Rinty Monaghan;

The 20th Century Sporting Club, allied with Madison Square Garden, in promoting fights in Madison Square Garden and outdoor shows in Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds. The big "if" whether Mike Jacobs will carry out his decision to retire and whether Madison Square Garden will continue in partnership with an outfit whose chief asset was Joe Louis.

Jacobs, still convalescing from a stroke suffered over two years ago, parlayed his connection with Louis into an almost monopolistic hold on bigtime boxing in this country.

But Jacobs' empire slowly has been crumbling. A year ago the T. of C. musled into the picture by staging two middleweight championship fights in New Jersey.

Today it has an exclusive contract with Marcel Cerdan, the world middleweight champion from France. It runs weekly indoor shows at the small indoor Manhattan Center in New York. It is dickering for the use of the Polo Grounds in New York in order to run outdoor shows this Summer.

If the T. of C. gains the use of the Polo Grounds it will mean the end of Jacobs' stranglehold on New York's two biggest outdoor arenas. For years the 20th S. C. has held the exclusive right to promote fights at both pallparks.

Here is the way these organizations figure in the tangled heavyweight situation:

Louis' group received permission from the National Boxing Association to promte a 15-round bout in June between Negroes Ezzard Charles, of Cincinnati, and Jersey Joe Walcott, of Camden, N. J., the winners to be recognized as NBA champion.

Joe Louis Learns a Lesson

New York Herald Tribune

New York Mirror

Joe Louis can count himself lucky. As a business proposition, the scheme was alluring. Some Chicago promoters, interested in beer, wanted to introduce their brew in New York. The idea was that a good name would sell the beer, and so there was born by incorporation a concern named World Champions, with Joe Louis as president and, for good measure, the welterweight Sugar Ray Robinson as chairman of the board of directors. It had the makings of prosperity for a fighter's retirement. With good management, and a product at least moderately drinkable, Joe Louis could look ahead to a safe future. But the picture was altogether too lovely.

Skepticism is apparently not among Joe Louis's many and mighty qualities, and he was unaware that one of his new partners used to be an influential friend of Al Capone. Fortunately the State Liquor Authority, better versed in these matters, was disposed to search beneath the appearance. As a result, the application was denied and there will be no World Champions beer sold in New York. Joe Louis has a valuable bit of experience, lavishly to any new organization's letter- painlessly acquired, for which he should head, can learn from Joe Louis's example. If thank the State Liquor Authority. Other you have a good name, guard it and keep it. people of prominence, perhaps thinking of going into the business of being a front man, or perhaps only addicted to lending names

Financial Wolf Doesn't Worry Bob Montgomery

Pittsburgh Courier
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By JACK SAUNDERS

Bob Montgomery, one-time world's lightweight boxing champion, will never have to worry about the wolf knocking at his door and breaking it down—and for an exceptionally good reason. The Bobcat took care of his money while he was making it, and now his sound investments are beginning to pay off the dividends which will enable him to live comfortably the rest of his life. Sat. 1.1.49

Bob Montgomery, like several other Negro fighters of the past, earned plenty money with his fists. But unlike so many fighters of the past, Bob Montgomery was smart with his money. He didn't splurge away his hard-earned dollars on fur coats, pink champagne and "sure thing" horse races.

He salted away more than 50 per cent of his end of all of his purses, either in the bank, gilt edge securities or real estate purchases. That is why today, when so many other ex-fighters are broke and forced to seek handouts, Bob Montgomery is financially staple.

SOUND INVESTMENTS

He has a fat bank account, owns several valuable pieces of real estate, has several thousand dollars worth of Government bonds and interests in a number of businesses. He also owns a well-paying billiard parlor, which he purchased quite recently, and bought for his wife a partnership in a flourishing dress shop.

There are many reasons why Bob Montgomery didn't run through the approximately $250,000 he earned as a prize fighter. Joe Gramby, his former manager, is one reason; his wife, Mallie, is another, and his young son, Barry, is still another. Then, too, Montgomery was always the type of guy who could really cling to a dollar, a fact which caused some to regard him as a "tightwad."

But Bob Montgomery was no "tightwad." He was just one of those guys who didn't like the idea of getting rid of money he took so much punishment to make. No one can sincerely fault a fellow for protecting his own interests.

Thus, this story.

I believe that Bob Montgomery deserves credit for being able to hold on to his money. He, like Ike Williams and Ray Robinson and "Jersey Joe" Walcott, is smart enough to realize the value of a dollar.

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Andy Nathan

ANDY GETS A LACING—Joe Brazerol, Fort Myer featherweight, ties the laces on welterweight knockout artist Andy Nathan as the two prepare for the opening of the World-Wide Army boxing championships Monday night at Fort Myer. Brazerol, whose home is at 1406 Good Hope rd. se., and Nathan, whose home is in Chicago, are two of the Military District of Washington's leading hopefuls. Nathan has won 20 out of 21 fights, 18 by knockouts

In Army Bouts

Andy Looks Sleepy But He's a Slugger

Andy Nathan's laziness turned him to boxing three years ago.

He was only 18 then, and just an Army recruit in St. Louis. One day, he was assigned to a particularly heavy detail. The only way he could get out of it was to join the boxing team. So he did.

The Chicago-born welterweight is now the Military District of Washington's No. 1 championship hope in the Army's global tournament which begins Monday night at the riding hall on Fort Myer's North Post.

His brief ring career is one of the most spectacular of any of the 72 entries who've come here from Japan, Hawaii, Germany and the Army installations all over the United States.

He's won 20 out of 21 fights, 18 by knockouts. His only loss happened two years ago in the finals of the Middle-East Service Command's finals. He unintentionally fouled Quantico's Mario De Santos, and was disqualified.

He even carries that sleepy expression into the ring, and it works to his value. His foes are lulled into carelessness, and Andy's lightning first quickly lull them into unconsciousness.

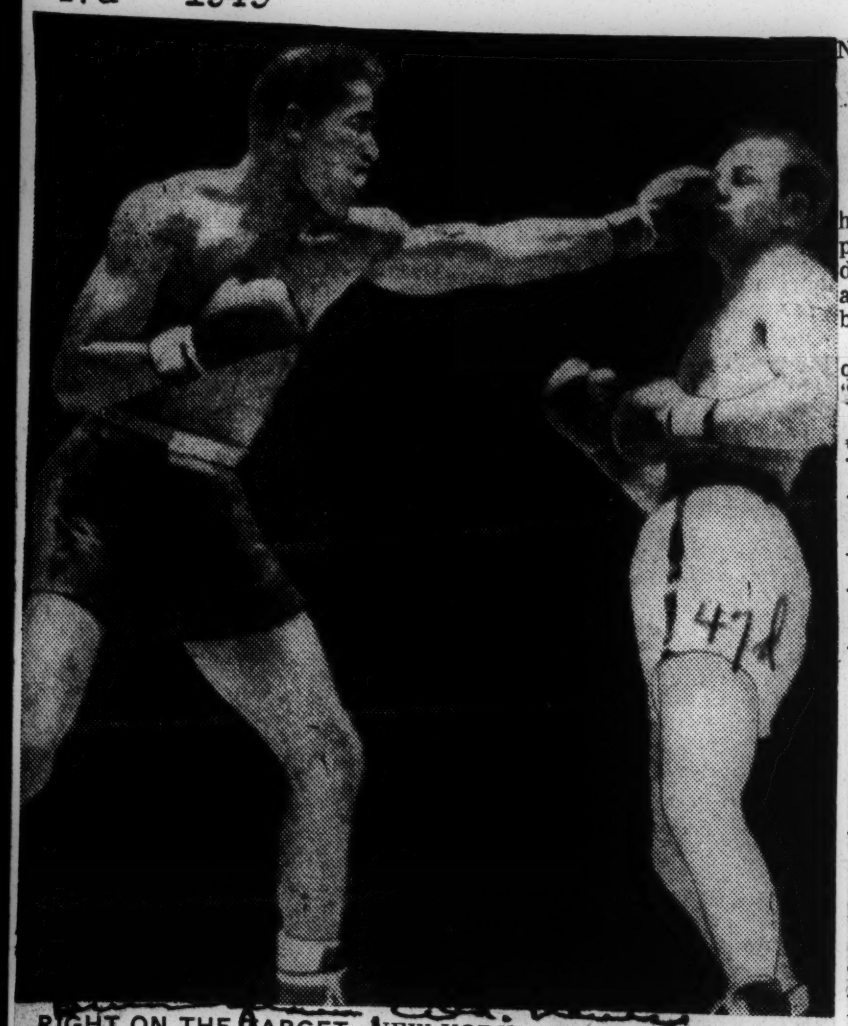
Because of his impressive string of knockouts, nobody is quite sure how well-rounded a boxer Andy is. He's always chilled his opponents before they've laid a heavy hand on him.

He considers the upcoming tourney a turning point in his life. If he does well, he'll retire from the Army in May, and turn to professional boxing. Otherwise, he'll reenlist.

Andy originally came here as an orderly for Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg of the Air Force. Now Nathan is a maintenance worker at the Fort Myer gym.

All nine of the Army command teams have arrived for the big show. 5500 seats have been set up And the flags of 87 foreign nations are draped across the ceiling.

Free tickets, distributed at area service installations and Army recruiting stations are practically gone. Eight o'clock is the starting time for each of six fight nights. Eight bouts are lined up each night, with the finals on Saturday.



RIGHT ON THE TARGET—NEW YORK, Aug. 25—Sugar Ray Robinson, welterweight champion, connects with a solid left to the nose of Steve Belloise during their non-title bout in Yankee Stadium here last night. Robinson was awarded a seven-round knockout because Belloise was not able to answer the bell starting the eighth frame. Now Robinson wants a shot at the middleweight title. (Associated Press wirephoto.)

Victor Sugar Ray Wants Crown Shot

BY MURRAY ROSE

NEW YORK, Aug. 25—(AP)—"I want a shot at the middleweight title. I think I've earned it."

Welterweight Champion Ray Robinson made the statement last night. It was probably the greatest understatement made in sport all year.

After he cut down socking Steve Belloise in seven rounds at Yankee Stadium last night, some 28,812 fans were ready to concede him to be the No. 1 middleweight, Champion Jake Lamotta or not.

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IRON-CHINNED Jake and Marcel Cerdan, the former 160-pound boss who meet in a return clash for the crown here Sept. 28, were among the bumper throng which saw last night's massacre. It wasn't too pleasant for them.

They saw a great fighter in action. Robinson hit Belloise with every shot in the book. He won every round but the fifth when he was bothered for just two minutes by a desperate, do-or-die attack by the balding, 30-year ex-sailor.

Then Sugar Ray caught up with Steve at the end of the seventh and flattened him with as perfect a left hook as you'll ever see in the ring or movies.

It caught Belloise on the chin and the New Yorker collapsed. Referee Eddie Joseph counted to five when the bell clanged. Belloise's second hauled the inert gladiator to his corner. But Steve was out cold.

Manager Eddie Walker didn't waste any time. He signalled to Joseph that it was all over. Under New York rules it goes in the book as a seven round kayo.

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WEEKS BEFORE the fight, Lamotta and Cerdan said that the victor of their September setto would meet last night's conqueror. Nothing is in writing.

It took Robinson years to gain the welterweight diadem. None of the champions would fight him. They called him the "uncrowned champion of the welterweights."

It was Robinson's 100th fight and his 97th victory over a ten-year period. He has lost only once and drawn in two others. Lamotta holds a decision over Ray but Robinson beat Jake four other times.

Belloise, who recovered his voice quickly in his dressing room, said "he's a great champion."

Robinson's Middie Bid Planned

Would Face LaMotta-Cerdan Winner In June

By JACK CUDDY.

New York, Aug. 25 (UP)—James D. Norris, millionaire president of the International Boxing Club, announced today that he hopes to use Sugar Ray Robinson as middleweight challenger in an "outdoor classic" at Yankee Stadium next June.

Husky, brown-haired Norris said, "We had been considering an indoor middleweight title fight for Robinson at Madison Square Garden next winter; but the tremendous public approval of his magnificent victory over Steve Belloise last night indicated that the Garden would be much too small for the fight."

Robinson, world welterweight champion, established himself as an outstanding middleweight contender by stopping middleweight Belloise at the end of the seventh round before 28,812 at Yankee Stadium last night. Their bout was a thriller.

Robinson May Meet Winner.

In the proposed June "classic," Robinson would meet the winner of the title bout between champion Jake LaMotta and Marcel Cerdan, scheduled for the Polo Grounds on September 28.

Sugar Ray defeated LaMotta in four or five bouts before Bronx Jake became champion, but he never fought Cerdan.

Meanwhile Norris is negotiating for Robinson to fight middleweight Robert Villemain of France at Detroit in October. And Norris' matchmaker, Al Weill, would like to have Robinson fight in the Garden on November 11 or December 2.

Robinson told Weill he would be willing to fight on one of those dates against the winner of a bout between welterweight Charlie Fusari and middleweight Rocky Graziano, scheduled for the Polo Grounds, September 14. Were Fusari the winner, Robinson would defend his welter crown against him. Were Graziano the winner, Robinson would fight him as a middleweight and risk losing his right to a shot at the 160-pound crown.

To Fight At Omaha.

Robinson is scheduled for a non-title 10-round bout at Omaha, Neb., on September 9, according to Manager George Gainford. The Omaha opponent has not been selected yet. Sugar Ray will box an exhibition at the Chicago Stadium, September 2, and another exhibition at Houston, Tex., September 2.

Robinson planned to leave tomorrow for Detroit to compete in Joe Louis' golf tournament, which opens Monday. The welter champ picked up his check for $33,138 today. Belloise will receive $25,938. Gross receipts, including radio, for last night's fight were $138,631.

Meanwhile, Belloise, widely praised for his courageous fight, left for Atlantic City, where he will spend a week with his wife and two daughters. Manager Eddie Walker said Steve would probably make his next start against Laurent Dauthuille of France at the Garden, or against Bobo Olson at Honolulu.

Robinson Battling Poundage

Gavilan Only 5-8 Underdog Now

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—Welterweight Champion Ray Robinson, still struggling to make weight after three weeks of training, risks his crown Monday night against young Kid Gavilan, of Cuba, in a 15-rounder in mammoth Municipal Stadium.

It will be a double battle for the silky smooth titleholder from Harlem. The 28-year-old welter boss hasn't had to make 147 pounds since he last defended his title against Bernie Dotasen in Chicago last June.

It was an ordeal for him then, and it's apparently not any easier now despite the optimistic declarations by his brain trust.

AT 11 A. M. (EST) Monday Sugar Ray will try to make the 147-pound division limit at the official weigh-in ceremony at the Arena. At 9 p. m. (EST), he will step into the ring against one of the most improved fighters in the business.

The 25-year-old Gavilan is rated by competent observers as at least 25 per cent better than he was last September when Robinson beat him in a non-title 10 in New York's Yankee Stadium.

But the New York Negro scaled 150½ for that fracas and he's been working on his lean, 5-foot

RAY ROBINSON
Making weight is big problem

11-inch frame for the last three weeks to get down to the limit.

The champ tipped the beam at 147½ pounds after a workout at Pompton Lakes, N. J., Sunday.

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THE CHAMPION still is a solid choice to retain the title he won in December, 1946, but a late surge of betting support for the 23-year-old contender has shortened the price from 1 to 2 to 5 to 8.

It's been years since the slick Sugarman has gone into the ring at anything less than 1 to 3.

Interest in the fight has picked up considerably here, and a crowd of around 25,000 is expected to contribute to a gross gate of approximately $150,000.

There will be no broadcast or television of the bout. Robinson is to get 40 per cent of the net gate and Gavilan 18¾. If Gavilan should upset Robinson, the two will meet in a return fight here Sept. 12.

Robinson Outpunches Middleweight Contender

Within 2 Weeks Yankee Stadium Bout, 2nd With 'Perfect Fighter'

for Champ, Shows Him

By SAM LACY, AFRO Sports Editor

NEW YORK — A crowd of 28,812 howling spectators watched their mouths agape, as Ray (Sugar) Robinson knocked out Steve Belloise after seven hectic rounds at Yankee Stadium, Wednesday night.

It was the second "important" bout essayed by the welterweight champion within the past six weeks. And, like the July 11th affair with Kid Gavilan in Philadelphia, it displayed Robinson at his artistic best.

The Philly brawl with the Cuban Cutie was a defense of the 147-pound title held by Robbie. And the tiff here Wednesday—six weeks later, give two days—was publicized as an elimination contest to determine the logical contender for the middleweight crown, now coveted by the Harlem Sugarboy.

Winner of the Yankee Stadium match was promised a shot at the 160-pound kingpin, Jake LaMotta, whom Sugar Ray has already

LaMotta and two of his leading challengers, Charley Fusari and Rocky Graziano, both white, watched the systematic destruction of Belloise from the ringside.

And systematic it was. Sugar Ray once again proved himself the perfect fighting machine. He conceded his adversary a slight weight advantage (158-153½) which, however, is nothing new to him. And then he proceeded to thrash the Bronx Irishman in every manner the latter sought to wage battle.

Always the boxer first, Robbie did the leading when Steve elected to depend on his counter-punching ability. Ray speared Belloise at long range, slugged with him in toe-to-toe exchanges, dished out bruising body punishment when his opponent chose infighting, and then put over the crusher at a time when the "experts" had predicted he would be tiring.

On the AFRO score-card, Belloise won but one round. That was the fifth when he got over his best punches on the willowy champion. Robbie showed signs of tiring in this heat, but it seemed more like the reaction of a man becoming weary from his own efforts than from the damage inflicted by his adversary.

First indication of this weariness came in the late stages of the previous round, the fourth, which the writer scored even. Robbie, fighting in flashes, went to the front early but permitted Steve to rally in the closing minute to square the session.

Robbie All the Way

All the other heats were far and away Robbie's. Particularly the third, when Sugar Ray unleashed his own heavy artillery on the vaunted puncher and had Belloise on the ropes and glassy-eyed at the bell. There was little doubt that the Bronxite's number was up at this point and that the gong was his only salvation.

Robinson employed a rapier-like left jab to keep the wide-open Belloise off balance and, as a consequence, Steve was never able to throw the haymaker which prefight publicity yarns had sought to build up.

Actually, the second round was the real tipoff on the whole fight. For it was in this session that Sugar Ray showed he was equally as proficient inside as Belloise. The latter was expected to control the infighting because of his more rugged build, but this he failed to do.

As already stated, Stevie was in difficulty in the third, the fourth was even and Belloise took the initiative in the fifth.

Shoots His Bolt

Obviously encouraged by his fifth round stand, Belloise cut loose with a savage attack in the opening seconds of the sixth. But the clever Sugarboy rolled with each menacing thrust and tied up his opponent when whim dictated. Belloise had shot his bolt. He took over completely midway of the heat and through the remainder of that round and all the way in the seventh, he was raking Belloise with a constant fire of left hooks and straight rights.

One of Joe Louis's cutest tricks when he was at his prime, proved the main factor in the unhitching of Stevie Boy. Having stuck Belloise repeatedly with his left all through the fight, Robbie suddenly followed a routine jab with a hook which landed flush on the jaw that was left uncovered as the Irishman maneuvered to block the lead punch.

Steve's head snapped back and he plummeted backward into the rope. His head struck the top strand and snatched forward again. Referee Eddie Joseph began counting over a sitting Belloise and had reached the "five" when the gong sounded ending the stanza.

Dragged to Corner

Belloise's handlers jumped into the ring, dragged him by armpits back to his chair and began working feverishly over him.

Manager Eddie Walker, however, saw it was useless and signaled to Joseph that it was all over.

In his dressing room afterward, the jubilant Sugarboy was hugging his manager, George Gainford, and telling newsmen he was eager to meet Lamotta for the middleweight crown.

"It's been promised to tonight's winner," said Ray, "and I'm going to press for it. I don't mind giving up the welterweight title, although I can still make the weight if it becomes necessary, just to get a shot at the middleweight championship.

Asked if he was hurt at any time by Belloise's blows, Robbie declared: "He didn't hurt me. He shook me once or twice but I didn't feel any alarm. I knew all along he could punch."

Pay Ray Tribute

A disconsolate Belloise had little to say except that "Robbie is a truly great fighter, a great fighter."

Wednesday's fight was the 100th for the 28-year-old Harlem Dandy. Of this number, he won 97, lost one and drew two. Sixty-four have been knockout victories. The one loss was to the present middleweight champ, LaMotta, and the draws were with Jose Basora and Henry Brimm, both 160-pounders.

At the same time, the 30-year-old Belloise was completing his 102nd ring battle, and suffering only his third kayo. He lost eight on decisions.

Ray Robinson Stops Belloise In Rugged Middleweight Bout

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 —(AP)— Sugar Raw Robinson, the world welterweight champion, knocked out Steve Belloise in a bruising non-title fight tonight when Belloise was unable to come out for the eighth round.

The fight was scored as a seventh round knockout. The huge crowd in Yankee Stadium was kept in a constant uproar by the fast and furious battle. Robinson weighed 153 1-2 and Belloise 158, but the four and one-half pounds that Sugar Ray gave away counted for little.

Robinson after battering Belloise mercilessly for most of the round, finally felled him with a terrific left hook. Belloise was out. Referee Eddie Joseph reached the count of five when the bell rang and Belloise was dragged to his corner. A few second later Belloise's manager, Eddie Walker, signalled that it was all over.

It was Robinson's 100th professional fight. Of these he has won 97, lost one and has had two draws.

Belloise absorbed more punishment than it seemed possible for a man to take and still keep on fighting. Twice Robinson had him on the ropes—in the third and the sixth rounds —and walloped him with pounding rights and lefts, yet each time Belloise came back strong.

Robinson, always cool and collected, fought his usual copy-book fight, landing hard jabs on Belloise's face and, following with heavy right hooks to the body. His long arms kept the 30-year-old Belloise always at a distance.

Yet Belloise time and again carried the fight to the great Negro welter champion, coming in with arms held wide apart and taking blows to land one.

Kid Gavilan Seeks Welter Title Tonight

Philadelphia, July 10 (Special) —Ray Robinson is ready for the third defense of his welterweight championship against Kid Gavilan of Cuba in 15 rounds in Municipal stadium tomorrow night.

There has been much comment on the probability that Robinson, who at 29 is six years older than the challenger, was having difficulty making the weight limit of 147 pounds at weigh-in ceremonies. There appears to be no basis for the adverse report, except to give the champion an excuse in case Gavilan scores an upset.

Robinson Weighed 147½

Robinson, who beat Bernard Docusen in Comiskey park a year ago last June and Jimmy Doyle in Cleveland the previous summer in earlier title defenses, weighed 147 1/2 pounds at a public weigh-in at his training camp in Pompton Lakes, N. J., last week.

Ray scored a unanimous decision in 10 rounds over Gavilan in a nontitle engagement in Yankee stadium Sept. 23, some fans charging the champion carried the Kid, who is reported to have been a former stablemate of Robinson.

No mention was made of the probable crowd tomorrow, altho there seems to be more than ordinary interest in the impending event, despite the 2-1 odds favoring Robinson.

May Challenge LaMotta

If Robinson happens to lose, he likely will demand a shot at the middleweight belt held by Jake LaMotta, claiming he was weakened by making 147 pounds.

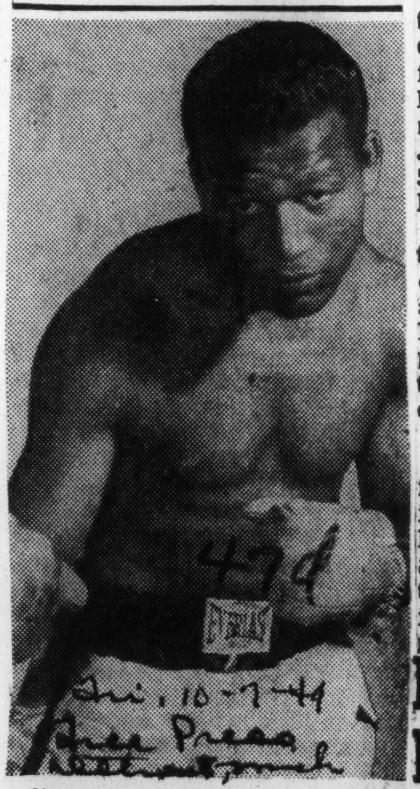
Much is being made of the fact that Robinson, former New York Golden Gloves champion, scored four decisions in five bouts with LaMotta. But it also must be remembered that the sole decision Jake registered in Detroit, Feb. 5, 1943, is the only one Ray ever lost.

It also must be remembered that the record isn't always final. For example, when Robinson was awarded a split decision over LaMotta in 12 rounds in Comiskey park, Sept. 26, 1945, the majority of the crowd of 14,000 thought Jake deserved the decision.

Gavilan Beat Williams Twice

Gavilan's only apparent qualification for tomorrow's title shot is the fact he beat Ike Williams, lightweight champion, twice. Stories from Philadelphia ignore the fact Williams defeated Gavilan in Madison Square Garden in February, 1948.

Risks Title



Ray Robinson puts welterweight crown on line in Philadelphia tonight against Kid Gavilan, decided betting underdog.

Robinson Kayoes Lester, Who Puts Referee on Floor

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Ray Robinson, world welterweight champ, knocked out Vern Lester of San Francisco in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-round, non-title bout at the Coliseum arena here yesterday. Each weighed 152 pounds.

The knockout was the second of the fight. Referee "Battling" Ferdie was kayoed when he tried to separate Lester from Robinson after the bell rang ending the third round. Lester nailed the referee with a left hook and Ferdie was floored for 30 seconds.

Robinson, who displayed masterful boxing before the 4,000 fans, appeared to be annoyed at Lester for fighting after the bell ended three of the four rounds.

At the start of the fifth, Robinson leaped from his corner, smashed a vicious left hook and then connected with a right cross and Lester was counted out by Ferdie. The end came at 12 seconds.

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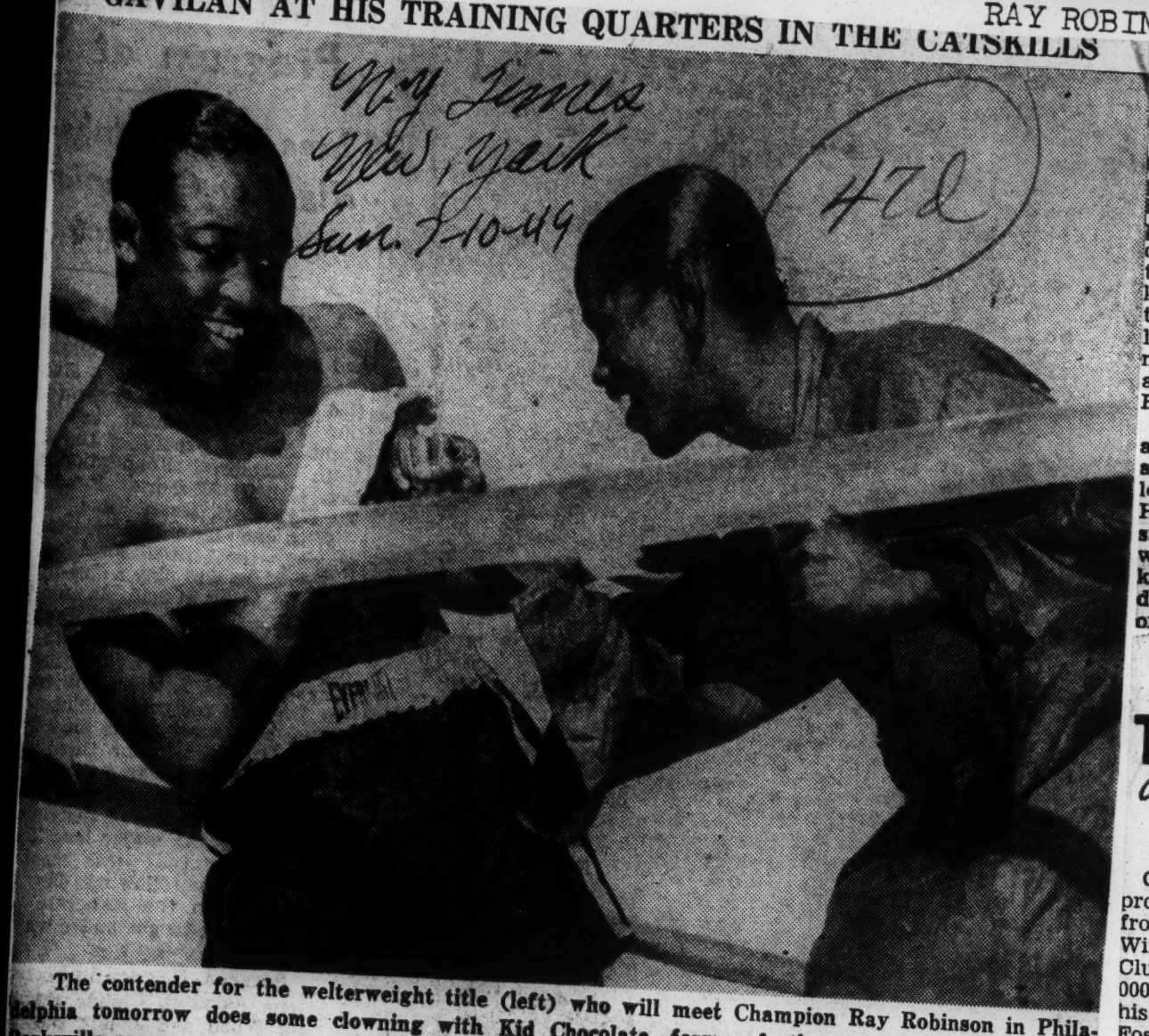
RAY ROBINSON

GAVILAN AT HIS TRAINING QUARTERS IN THE CATSKILLS



The contender for the welterweight title (left) who will meet Champion Ray Robinson in Philadelphia tomorrow does some clowning with Kid Chocolate, former featherweight champion, at his Parksville camp.

CHAMPION RATED 1-2 FOR RETURN BATTLE

Robinson, Though Six Years Older, Is Believed to Be Gavilan's Superior

HAS SCORED 62 KNOCKOUTS

More Than 20,000 Expected at Philadelphia but Contest Will Not Be Televised

PHILADELPHIA, July 9 (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson will put his welterweight boxing crown on the line for the fourth time Monday night, meeting Cuba's challenging Kid Gavilan over the 15-round route at Philadelphia's huge Municipal Stadium.

Since whipping Tommy Bell for the 147-pound title two and one-half years ago, Sugar Ray has made successful defenses against Jimmy Doyle, Chuck Taylor and Bernard Docusen.

The Harlem flash, hailed as the uncrowned king of the welters even before winning the title, knocked out Doyle and Taylor in 1947 and a year ago outpointed Docusen.

Pete Tyrrell, head of the promoting Arena Corporation, declined to predict the size of the crowd that will pay from $2.50 to $12.50 to pass through the gates.

$125,000 Gate Seen

It is a pretty fair guess that between 20,000 and 25,000 fans will pay $125,000 to see a fight rated as a natural, since Robinson took a close non-title decision from the Cuban kid a year ago.

Even with that turnout, including many of Gavilan's rooters from the Latin-American section of New York, there will be yawning holes in the giant horseshoe-shaped stadium where 120,000 saw Gene Tunney lift the heavyweight crown from Jack Dempsey twenty-two years ago.

If rain forces a postponement, the fight will be held on the first clear night thereafter. The bout will not be televised or broadcast.

Robinson, who at 29 is six years older than the Cuban, is a 1-to-2 choice in light betting marts to retain his title. There has been some question over Sugar Ray's ability to make the welterweight limit but Manager George Gainford says he will be right on the nose or a little under when they weigh in at noon Monday.

Gavilan, born Gerardo Gonzales, is a natural welter. He will have no trouble making the required 147 pounds.

Second Weigh-in Needed

In the event of a postponement of more than twenty-four hours, the fighters will be required to weigh in again—a factor that may prove a little tough for the champion.

Robinson will pocket 40 per cent of the gate and Gavilan 18.

Seldom has a champion defended his title with a more impressive record than the one Robinson has rolled up since turning pro in 1940. Sugar Ray has climbed into the ring ninety-eight times for a record of sixty-two knockouts, thirty-three decisions, two draws and one defeat. The lone setback was to Jake LaMotta, middleweight champion. Before and after losing to Jake in 1943, Robinson whipped him four times.

Gavilan, who won seven bouts in a row since losing to Robinson, has appeared in sixty-one fights since leaving the amateur ranks in 1943. He has won thirty-five by decision, including two from Lightweight Champion Ike Williams; knocked out eighteen opponents, drew with two and lost to six. One of the defeats was by Williams.

Offer Ray Robinson $100,000 To Defend Welterweight Crown

By CHARLES EINSTEIN
(International News Service Sports Writer)

CHICAGO—(INS)—Two Chicago promoters, said by some to be fronting for the new Joe Louis-Wirtz-Norris International Boxing Club, offered Ray Robinson $100,000 "going in" Monday to defend his welterweight title against Vince Foster in Chicago in June.

The long arm of coincidence, complicated by an improbable assortment of characters, played up the situation which ran roughly as follows:

Chicago promoters Irv Schoenwald and Jack Begun have offered a $100,000 guarantee to Robinson for a fight in a local ball park this June. But Robinson is variously reported committed for that time. Either to fight:

1. The winner of the Kid Gavilan-Ike Williams bout, in a welterweight championship match sponsored by 20th Century Sporting Club; or

2. Marcel Cerdan of France, for the latter's middleweight title, under the auspices of the Tournament of Champions.

LOUIS AND PARTNERS TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The International Boxing Club, promotion rival to both, the 20th Century and T. of C., is having a Ways-And-Means Meeting in Chicago Wednesday, to be attended by partners Louis, Arthur Wirtz and James Norris.

A long-time associate of Schoenwald and Begun, meanwhile, is Jack Hurley, who manages Foster, Robinson's proposed Chicago foe.

Coincidental, to say the least, was the simultaneous presence in Chicago of those two firm buddies, Louis and Robinson. It was believed in some quarters that Robinson would strive to meet the Foster date as a favor to Louis' I. B. C.

Sugar Ray is in Chicago to fight Bobby Lee of Baltimore in a non-title ten-rounder at Chicago Stadium Friday night.

Robinson said he would give his answer to Schoenwald and Begun "in a few weeks," but some inkling might emerge from the statement to be made by Louis, Wertz and Norris after they talk things over at the stadium Wednesday afternoon.

Champion Gets Unanimous Nod In 15-Rounder

By RUSS J. COWANS

PHILADELPHIA — Ray (Sugar) Robinson, a master mechanic in the sock-'em-and-rock-'em field, is resting on his laurels while scanning new fields to conquer.

The spiderly Fancy Dan from Harlem squelched all doubts about his ability to make the welterweight limit of 147 pounds when he hit Jake LaMotta dead on the nose Monday afternoon in the Philadelphia Arena, than that night de-

At the same time Robinson, although not admitting that he is ready and willing to step down from the welterweight throne room and cast his lot with the middleweights, he would like to win the middleweight crown. These same Doubting Thomases openly declare that Robinson could easily win the middleweight title, recalling that Sugar has four victories in five fights over Jake LaMotta, current holder of the crown.

There was would get a Belloise, current Motta's crown, ing the month also been offered a bout with Charley Fusari, one of the contenders for the welterweight crown.

Wins Unanimous Verdict

In his 15-round victory over Jake LaGavilan, the Harlem Spider provided conclusive proof that he's the best fighter, pound for pound,

division, his manager, George Gainsford, said Ray would meet anyone the National Boxing Association approved in a title bout August 24.

The gross gate was $175,000, with Robinson pulling down $50,000, the largest purse he has ever received.

In the dressing room later, Ray said:

"Gavilan is a pretty cute customer, a tricky guy, but not once did I feel any fear about losing the title."

Asked if Gavilan had hurt him, Ray said: "No, but he stung me a couple of times and made me know he was in there."

Joe Louis, retired heavyweight champ, and Ezzard Charles, current holder of the NBA version of the crown, were introduced from the ring before the main bout. Also Gene Tunney, retired heavyweight champion, and Kid Chocolate, former featherweight titleholder.

Sugar Ray Robinson

SUGAR RAY ROBINSON is still welterweight champion of the world and everything is all right on the sports front. When the Sugar Boy handed Kid Gavilan of Cuba that classy drubbing in 15 rounds in Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium, he represented the last bigtime champion we have on the boxing front excepting, of course, lightweight champ Ike Williams. Joe Louis has retired himself.

Only Sugar Ray Robinson is left to be the big name fighter where once we had Louis, Henry Armstrong, Bob Montgomery, Beau Jack, Willie Joyce, Jimmy Bivins and a few others. These fellows kept interest in boxing at a high level before and during the war. Now that they have slipped into oblivion (not Louis, because he's a kingpin in the boxing promotion field) Sugar Ray Robinson stands out like a sore thumb.

What we like about Robinson is the business sagacity of the guy. He's a solid "race" man, as the boys say on the corners. He has never grown so great he couldn't mingle with the little fellows on the sidewalk. He's cognizant of what they're talking about and thinking. He is an example for Negro business mainly because he knows how to count and is an expert in percentages.

Added to that, the welterweight champion is one of the few in history (Jack Johnson was the master of that phase) who knows what he wants to do and does it without being beholden to any manager, agent, promoter, ticket scalper, hoodlum or what have you. His investments are solid business. He doesn't throw away his earnings in phony big-timing in the bars and buying women fur coats and luxurious automobiles. When he retires, he'll have something.

What means more than that in boxing?

It's Almost Unanimous
Sugar's the Sweetest

Most Experts Agree That Ray Robinson is the Best Fighter, Pound for Pound, In the Ring Today

By W. ROLLO WILSON

PHILADELPHIA—With more than a week having passed since his successful title defense against Kid Gavilan in the stadium here, boxing bugs are still talking about the great performance of Ray Robinson, Beau Sabreur of the ring.

Case-hardened skeptics who were ready to write his boxing obituary are now agreed with those who have been saying for many years that the Harlem Hustler is the greatest piece of boxing machinery now extant.

The amazing ease with which Sugar Ray liquidated the self-styled "Hawk" from the Cuban Province of Camaguey—the same Gavilan who had made the lighter Ike Williams look increasingly bad in successive bouts with him—was a justification of Manager George Gainford's boast that the champion could make the 147-pound class limit and be strong. He made it; he was strong enough to take everything the Kid had to offer and to batter the latter's resistance almost to the breaking point.

There are some who retort that he could have knocked out Gavilan in that eighth round when he had him on the verge—but nobody, in sixty-odd bouts, had ever stopped the Cuban. Maybe Ray could not have administered the sleeping potion to the rugged islander when at his peak.

RAY'S BIGGEST PURSE

This "natural" in Philadelphia, plus a good job of publicity, netted the welterweight king the biggest purse he had ever received and it also marked the first time he had ever performed before a gate of more than $100,000. The gross of $175,754 was only $3,000 less than the Ike Williams-Bob Montgomery fight in the same arena in 1947 at a much higher top. Robinson received $51,635.82 for his end of the net receipts and Gavilan, $23,650.

Still king of the welterweight world Ray has said that he is willing to defend his title again but would rather have a shot at Jake LaMotta and the middleweight toga. He is considering an offer from Harry Markson, director of the New York office of the International Boxing Club, to defend his title against Charlie Fusari or an overweight match with Steve Belloise at the Yankee Stadium this summer.

COSTNER A GOOD TEST?

Here in the Quaker City many fans believe that there is a fighter who might give the Sugar one as hard a battle as did Kid Gavilan. They mean George (Sugar) Costner who now resides in Camden. On the strength of his fights around here during the last indoor season the former Cincinnati clouter rates consideration. He has had only two poor showings since he was knocked out by Ray (one round) in February, 1945, and by Jake Lamotta (six rounds) a month later.

Ray said that he was never in better shape for a fight than the one with Gavilan and certainly he never trained harder for one. He was able to match the pace of his younger foe and then speed the tempo when the other was slowed down. But maybe he was not quite as speedy as of yore; maybe there was not as much authority to his punch. And the new question arises—can he make the weight again.

The answer to that is where will the most money be guaranteed? Will it be for a title defense against Chuck Fusari, George Costner or Ike Williams? Or will it be for an overweight match with Steve Belloise, with an eye for a championship bout with Jake LaMotta?

If defending his title means the more money, Robinson will again make the weight for that purpose! He will gladly go through the torture of a long training period, of sweating off those last few ounces in an ecstacy of agony for another fifty-thousand dollars. On this you can set all of the law and the prophets.

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Ray Robinson

Jacobs Reveals Five-Year Pact With Robinson

New York Herald Tribune

20th Century Warns T. of C. Against Trying to Match Champion With Gavilan

By Jesse Abramson

New York Times

Negotiations for a Ray Robinson-Kid Gavilan welterweight championship bout reached a new turn yesterday when Sugar Ray, the Tournament of Champions and other interested promoters were handed an ultimatum and a warning by Mike Jacobs's 20th Century S. C.

Its patience exhausted by Robinson's stalling tactics and his "impossible demands," the 20th Century produced an exclusive-service contract which the welterweight ruler signed on Oct. 24, 1945 for a period of five years.

Permitting the press to peruse this contract, the Jacobs organization announced its intention to enforce the provisions of the contract by insisting that Robinson defend his title against the Cuban contender in the Yankee Stadium in June. For the 20th Century, of course.

Prepared to Sue

At the same time the 20th Century warned the rival Tournament of Champions, which has been dangling offers in front of Robinson, that it was prepared to sue for "inducing a breach of contract," and would seek an injunction if any rival promoter signed Robinson for a title fight.

Robinson last defended his 147-pound title i nJune against Bernard Docusen in Chicago, getting 20th Century permission to fight under other auspices. The National Boxing Association recently warned Robinson to sign for a title defense or his title would be vacated. Eddie Eagan also has a rule that a champion must defend every six months but the New York commission has observed the rule in the breach.

The 20th Century ultimatum got quick action. George Gainford, Robinson's manager, a half hour later, suddenly appeared at the 20th Century office, and he and Harry Markson went off together to confer with Robinson at the latter's Harlem office. Markson hoped for a decision today.

Stalling Tactics Cited

"Robinson has been stalling us for months," Sol Strauss said. "He told us he wanted to fight for the middleweight title, a match we could not produce. He told us he didn't know whether he could make 147 pounds again. He made impossible demands. When Gainford announced yesterday that Robinson was ready to defend his welterweight title against Gavilan in June, we decided it was time for him to sign for us. We have made him a substantial offer."

The substantial offer is said to be 42½ per cent, but Robinson also held out for an equal slice of the radio and television fee, which caused the 20th Century great anguish.

The 20th Century needs the Robinson-Gavilan title bout in June to offset the outdoor promotions of the T. of C. and Joe Louis's I. B. C. and to prove it is a live outfit with a new radio-video contract coming up. It has June 8-9-10 and June 29-30 and July 1 as open dates in the Yankee Stadium.

Strauss set no time limit on his ultimatum to Robinson, but evidently wanted to force quick action before Robinson departs tonight for Omaha to meet Don Lee Monday.

Robinson Signs to Fight Turner in Coast Bout

Herald Tribune

OAKLAND, Calif., March 23 (U.P.).—Sugar Ray Robinson, world's welterweight champion, has been signed to fight Earl Turner, of Oakland, in a ten-round overweight match here April 20, Jimmy Murray, promoter, announced today.

Murray also announced that he had discontinued negotiations with Rocky Graziano to fight here. Graziano ran out on a contract last winter and Murray had attempted to reschedule a battle to recover his losses.

Robinson Must Defend Crown

Montgomery Advertiser

PATERSON, N. J., March 15 (U.P.).—NBA Commissioner Abe J. Greene said today that Sugar Ray Robinson will be warned soon to defend his welterweight title quickly or give it up.

In a recording prepared for broadcast on station WPAT, Greene said the welter division is "stagnating" because of Robinson's inactivity.

Robinson has been fighting as a middleweight, and the NBA will warn him to get down to the welter limit and defend his title or give it up. "If he's going to

New York Herald Tribune

Jacobs Moves To Keep Hold on Ray Robinson

New York Herald Tribune

Cerdan Wants to Know His Position on June Fight; Foster Here for Match

By Jesse Abramson

A summons, an ultimatum and a penitent sinner turned up in boxing's news mill yesterday. The first two items represent snags in the Tournament of Champions' plans for a championship doubleheader at the Polo Grounds on June 21. Sugar Ray Robinson, world welterweight ruler, has been served with a summons and an accompanying notice of motion by the 20th Century S. C., it was learned. It is an action designed by Mike Jacobs to enforce his exclusive-service contract with Ray and stop him from defending his title under rival auspicies. The notice of motion, returnable in Supreme Court, requires Robinson to present reasons why the 20th Century organization shall not be given an injunction restraining him from fighting for another club.

The T. of C., keeping mum, is reported to have signed Robinson to fight Kid Gavilan.

The ultimatum, also directed at the T. of C., was issued by Lew Burston, American representative for Marcel Cerdan, world middleweight champion.

Gives T. of C. Two Days

"I am giving the T. of C. two days," said Burston, "to tell Cerdan where he stands on a June defense of his title, now that Tony Zale has definitely given up his challenger's option. Cerdan is fighting next week in Casablanca. We've got to get him back to Paris and then on a boat here. Time is pressing if Cerdan is to defend his title for the T. of C."

If the T. of C. has signed or intends to sign Jacob LaMotta to fight Cerdan, that syndicate is due for a shock. Reliable authority again discloses that the boxing commission will refuse to sanction a Cerdan-LaMotta bout.

There may be more than one reason why Eddie Eagan and his commissioners will not approve LaMotta as challenger, but for the record Eagan is expected to declare, when commission approval is sought, that LaMotta does not qualify on his recent performances. The T. of C., of course, could promote the bout elsewhere, but that wouldn't give it a show at the Polo Grounds on June 21.

LaMotta is the only one of five challengers named thus far who is currently available. Zale has retired, Robinson must defend his welterweight title (or give it up), Steve Belloise has European commitments which make him unavailable for a June bout here, and Rocky Graziano (who seeks reinstatement by the Illinois Boxing Commission at a Chicago hearing today) can't be ready for a June title fight.

The penitent sinner who turned up was Vince Foster, the violent Omaha puncher. The bible-student welterweight, looking subdued and repentant, arrived yesterday for his deferred ten-round bout against Charley Fusari, of Irvington, N. J., in Madison Square Garden May 13.

Likely $100,000 Sellout

Jack Hurley, Foster's manager, was fearful of New York's greeting. But his spirits lifted when Harry Markson reported a "very gratifying sale," which means a likely $100,000 sellout.

Foster, weighing 151 or so, will get down to 147. He says he will be in better condition than ever, and figures on knocking out Fusari, who has never been stopped in sixty-three bouts. The Nebraskan has had two fights since he scored his dynamic knockout of Tony Pellone in the Garden Jan. 14. He outpointed Phil Burton in Omaha two weeks later, then fell off the wagon and got involved in assault charges (of which he was acquitted). When he outpointed Chuck Taylor in Chicago, he said he wasn't right because he had two wisdom teeth extracted and was full of penicillin.

New York fight fans seem to be more interested in whether the twenty-two-year-old Foster can duplicate the explosive punching demonstration that endeared him in his Pellone victory.

GAVILAN, apparently, has not signed for the T. of C. bout against Robinson and the champion was told that Gavilan has signed an exclusive contract with the 20th Century.

Robinson said that he was giving Gavilan until April 21 to agree to terms or else he would defend against Vince Foster, of Omaha.

Ray Robinson Accepts Title Fight with Gavilan

Oakland Tribune

CHICAGO—(U.P.)—Ray (Sugar) Robinson, ignoring the exclusive contract the 20th Century Club of New York holds for his services, said that he has signed with the Tournament of Champions to defend his welterweight championship against Kid Gavilan, of Cuba.

The announcement probably will precipitate a court battle with the 20th Century.

Sugar Ray said that he would meet Gavilan in a 15-round match as a co-feature with the Marcel Cerdan-Tony Zale middleweight championship scrap in New York's Polo Grounds June 21.

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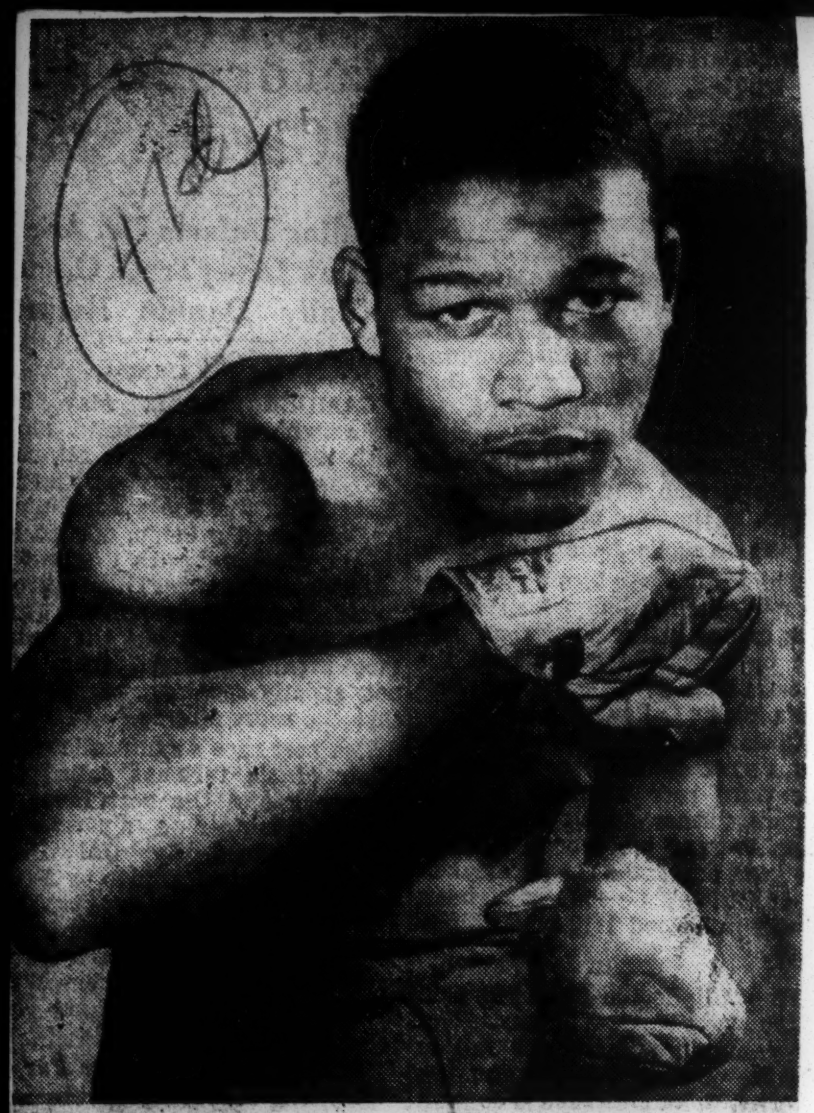
EVEN BEFORE it was definitely announced that Robinson had come to terms with the T. of C. Director Harry Markson, of

"If he attempts to fight for anyone else," Markson said, "he will be in for a bucketful of trouble."

Pete Vaccare, Robinson's personal publicity man, said that the champion was not concerned with the contract situation.

"Contracts of that sort have never held up in United States courts," he said. "A performer's ability is unique and is his own."



GETS ULTIMATUM: Sugar Ray Robinson, who was served with summons by 20th Century, S. C. yesterday

SUGAR MUST LOSE FOUR— Sugar Ray Robinson tipped the scales at 147 pounds yesterday but was confident he'll take off the necessary four pounds before defending his welterweight boxing title against Kid Gavilan at Municipal Stadium next Monday night.

Jacobs Cancels His Suit Against Ray Robinson

20th Century Club Leader Withdraws Alleged Case on Contract Jumping

The 20th Century Sporting Club's breach-of-contract suit against the Tournament of Champions over the services of Ray Robinson, world welterweight champion, was discontinued by agreement yesterday when the case was called for trial before Supreme Court Justice Edward R. Koch.

Neither the 20th Century nor the T. of C. is in ffight business any more. Madison Square Garden has absorbed both, though no official announcement of the purchase of T. of C. has been made.

Mike Jacobs had sued to restrain Robinson from fighting for the T. of C. Though the Garden now presumably holds both the 20th Century and T. of C. contract claims to Robinson, it may yet have to sue another promotor if Robinson goes through with his threat to fight for Andy Niederreiter at Ebbets Field. The expected ultimatum to the Garden by the Robinson camp was not delivered yesterday.

Jacob LaMotta, after five days in Greenwood Lake, N. J., was back in The Bronx yesterday. He couldn't stand the noise in the country, he said, and spend four sleepless nights. He'll train at Gleason's gym in his quiet home borough for five days before leaving for Detroit where he will meet Marcel Cerdan, of France, for the world middleweight title on June 15. LaMotta starts sparring with Vern Lester today.

CHAMPION RECEIVES 15-ROUND DECISION

The Times New York N.Y.

Robinson, Scaling 147-Pound Limit, Defeats Gavilan at Philadelphia Stadium

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MANY NOTABLES AT BOUT

Start of Preliminaries Signal for Rush of Numerous Fans Into Higher-Priced Seats

By JAMES P. DAWSON
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PHILADELPHIA, July 11 — Sugar Ray Robinson of Harlem retained his world welterweight championship by outpointing Kid Gavilan of Havana in their fifteen-round fight tonight.

The referee was Charley Daggert. Judges were Frank Knarsborough and Harry Lasky.

Robinson hooked a left to the face and in the clinch they traded blows to the body. Robinson jabbed several lefts to the face and ripped two uppercuts to the face. Robinson hooked a jab to the face, two lefts to the body and a left and right to the body.

Gavilan hooked a left to the body but his right for the body was blocked. Robinson drilled lefts and rights to the body and shot a right to the head. They exchanged rights to the heart and clinched.

Robinson kept his rival at bay with straight lefts, and hooked a left to the head. Gavilan tried to rush Robinson but was met with a volley of short lefts and rights to the head and body.

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Robinson Misses Uppercut

Gavilan put several light lefts to the body out of a crouch. Gavilan hooked his left to the body and head. At close quarters Gavilan shot a right to the jaw. Robinson missed a wicked right uppercut and then drove a right to the heart and a left to the head in the second round.

After an exchange of left jabs Gavilan ripped his right hand bolo punch to the body. Robinson struck back with rights and lefts to the face and body. Gavilan rushed Robinson to the ropes, where they clinched.

At close quarters Gavilan worked both hands to the body. Gavilan hooked a left to the head as he backed Robinson to the ropes. Robinson hooked two lefts to the body and a left to the head before the bell.

Gavilan ripped into Robinson with short lefts and rights to the body, backing the champion to the ropes and driving both hands to the body and head. Gavilan hooked his left to the body while Robinson missed several left hooks and jabs for the face in the third round.

They exchanged left jabs and as Robinson hooked a left and right to the head Gavilan drove a left and right to the body. Gavilan hooked two lefts and a right to the body. Gavilan hooked another left to the body but was short with a right to the jaw.

Champion Suffers Eye Cut

After an exchange of left jabs Robinson emerged from a clinch with a cut over his right eye. Gavilan made the wound a target for long left hooks. Gavilan shot a left and right to the body and then backed Robinson into a neutral corner, firing a right and left to the jaw in the fourth.

Gavilan hooked a left to the body, but Robinson hooked two before clinching. Robinson drove a hard right to the ribs. They exchanged left hooks to the body and clinched. Gavilan was wild with a left to the jaw. Robinson ripped a right uppercut and left to the face.

In a furious fifth-round outburst after an exchange of left jabs Gavilan rushed Robinson to the ropes and about the ring peppering the champion with repeated lefts and rights to the body. Robinson dug two solid rights to the ribs and put two left hooks to the head.

Gavilan stuck a left to the face but took a volley of short left hooks and rights to the head in return. Robinson jabbed and hooked with his left to the face meanwhile blocking Gavilan's long lefts for the jaw. Robinson shot three solid left hooks to the face.

Robinson jabbed several jabs to the face in the sixth and then sent a left to the head. Robinson speared his rival with repeated left jabs to the face and volleyed short lefts to the head. Gavilan hooked a left to the body.

Gavilan Misses Target

Robinson struck back with a succession of lefts and rights to the head and cracked a right to the jaw as Gavilan missed a bolo punch. Gavilan hooked a left to the body. Robinson shot a solid left and a right cross to the jaw.

Gavilan forced Robinson to the ropes in the seventh and hooked several lefts to the body. Gavilan drove several light lefts to the body. After missing a right for the jaw Robinson hooked two solid lefts to the jaw.

They exchanged left hooks to the head and clinched. Each missed a shot for the jaw and clinched. Robinson hooked a left to the jaw and Gavilan shot a left hook to the body. Robinson stuck a light left to the face and Gavilan crossed a right to the jaw which spun Robinson half way around.

Gavilan leaped in with two left hooks to the body and another left hook to the jaw, in the eighth. Gavilan backed Robinson into the ropes of a neutral corner and drilled lefts and rights for the body and head in a fiery volley.

Gavilan hooked a left to the body and drove a right to the head. Robinson shot a right to the heart and a left hook to the head. Gavilan backed Robinson to the ropes and hooked several lefts to the body and grazed the jaw with another. Robinson met his rival's rush with a volley of lefts and rights to the face and staggered Gavilan with several left hooks and right crosses to the jaw.

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Solid Right to Ribs Lands

Robinson dug a solid right to the ribs in the ninth and shot several light jabs to the head and face. Robinson stabbed his left repeatedly to the face while Gavilan was wild with blows to the head. Robinson hooked a left to the jaw but Gavilan twice pressed forward driving a right and left to the body. Robinson hooked a short left to the head and they clinched.

Gavilan was wild with a left and a right to the jaw and Robinson shot three left hooks to the face. Robinson crossed a long overhand right to the head and peppered Gavilan with short lefts and rights to the face.

A crowd esitmated at 25,000, paying receipts of about $150,000, flocked to huge Municipal Stadium. Ideal weather conditions and unusual interest, late in developing, combined to put this fight "over the top" to the unconcealed satisfaction on Promoter Pete Tyrrell and Matchmaker Attell of the Arena.

Whether Robinson could make the weight was a paramount issue in connection with the title struggle. The champion supplied the answer at noon in the Arena, when he tipped the scales at exactly 147 pounds, the class maximum.

Gavilan had no trouble with the weight. He tipped the scales at 144½ pounds, being a natural welterweight.

A weight question operated as an influence on the betting odds, too. A favorite to win since the battle was signed, Robinson was 10 to 13 and then 5 to 8 last week. When he made the weight at noon, he became a stronger choice at 5 to 12.

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Taking a precaution traditional in modern boxing, Robinson had inserted in the fight contracts a clause guaranteeing a return bout here Sept. 12 in the event Gavilan should win the title. The champion signed for 40 per cent of net receipts and Gavilan for 18½ per cent.

To stimulate ticket sales and

The wild rush, however, created confusion for late arrivals. They occupied by squatters who were presented seat stubs for chairs at the ringside seats, into the ringside section and occupied $12.50 seats, unhampered despite the fact that the cinder walls, into the ringside section and occupied $12.50 seats indiscriminately. Others were on the cinder path track circling the stadium ready to move.

Among those at the ringside were Bernard Gimbel, Gene Tunney, former light-heavyweight champion; Barney Ross, former welterweight champion, and President J. Reed Kilpatrick of the Madison Square Garden Corporation, Joe Louis, Mayor Bernard Samuel of Philadelphia, Chairman Edward P. Eagan of the New York State Athletic Commission.

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Sandy Saddler

His Moment Was Gone

Opportunity There But Saddler Wasn't

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By Red Smith

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (NYHT).—In the tenth round Sandy Saddler had Willie Pep for his very own. Wrapped him up with a straight right to the chin and the package was ready for delivery, tied with a little bow. Pep had thousands of friends there in Madison Square Garden, a world of whirling darkness. He tottered and so did the economic structure of Hartford, Conn., whose population had backed him to a man in the liveliest betting fight of many months. If Willie dozed now, all Hartford would sleep in the park.

Red Smith

Ready for his nap, Willie pillowed his head on Saddler's trachea. This was the old pro responding to instinct. He couldn't have been sure where he was, but he knew with great clarity and conviction where he shouldn't be. He shouldn't be out there in the open where his long-armed foe could nail him.

Saddler was frantic. He punched and missed. He swung and lunged, floundering in his eagerness. He pawed at his man and pushed, trying to straighten him up. He hesitated, took aim, and missed.

And now his moment was gone. Sandy was too tired to hit cleanly. Before the round was over, Pep was punching again, still staying close, pressing Saddler against the ropes near Sandy's corner.

At the bell Saddler sagged against the top rope, his head flung back, his long, skinny body limp with weariness and utter discouragement. Willie Pep turned and walked across the ring to his corner, taking the featherweight championship of the world with him.

FOR THAT WAS THE PAY-OFF, that moment when eight years of brutal schooling canceled out youth and punching power. There were five more rounds to go, some to be won by Pep and some by Saddler, but the old champ had passed his test. The young champ would have to go back to school and try again some other night.

The large and intelligent crowd—it included Herman Hickman and Steve Owen; Herman is large and Steve is intelligent—didn't have to wait for the decision. While Johnny Addie was collecting the official ballots, Hartford delegates swarmed down to ringside, brilliantly noisy.

"Lou," one of 'em shouted to Pep's proprietor, Lou Viscusi, "Hey, Lou, you brought it back, Lou, old boy."

Mr. Vicsusi beamed modestly. He was unmarked in victory. Lou's features were all unstuck.

It was the first championship fight of 1949. The year will not produce a better one, a more even match, a more absorbing study of tactics. It even had the loudest singer of the National Anthem since the Harry Markson boom began. Pep is the supreme master of his trade—crafty, cunning, accomplished in every trick and device. He has superb physical equipment, but most of all he has skill. He is like the judo artist who employes an adverary's own strength to encompass his defeat.

Saddler is young and strong and resolute and a long-ball hitter. Three months ago he knocked Pep loose from his title inside four rounds. He was confident that he could do it again, but this time Willie was waiting in ambush. 2-13-49

WALKING ON SADDLER'S FEET, spinning him, riding his shoulders, catching a glove and jerking him off balance, wrestling to the floor, plaiting him in braids and always beating him to punch, Pep made Sandy Saddler mislay his temper. Sandy didn't find it again, either.

In his dressing room, frustration and rage trembled in Saddler's voice. He was not far from tears. The referee, he said, wouldn't give him a break, pulled him away whenever he had an advantage, never had a word of reproof for Willie's Yankee wiles.

"But it's all right," he kept saying bitterly. "Everything's all right. It's one of those things."

He said he didn't get tired. Then he went into the shower room, probably to wash out his mouth with soap for telling that one.

His disappointment was natural but excessive, because all he had lost was a fight and a title, and he had gained a great deal more. He had won the champion's share of the largest indoor gate ever drawn by featherweights. He had put at rest all the untidy rumors about his first fight with Pep by demonstrating exactly how he had won the other match—simply by catching Willie early instead of late.

He didn't seem to realize it, but defeat was worth more money to Saddler than victory. Pep might have retired if he'd been beaten again. At least, there would have been no especial demand for a third match. Now a return bout is practically imperative, and it could be an outdoor show at top prices.

SADDLER WILL GET the title back, too. If he keeps on fighting Pep, and it's a show the public would welcome every Friday night, he'll catch Willie sooner or later and belt him out. If Pep should retire before that happened, there'd be no one to dispute Sandy's right of succession.

Although there was no return match clause in the contract, Viscusi said Saddler could have the first shot, after a good long rest for Willie.

"But pot at $10 tops," he said. "This shouldn't of been a $10 show. They're crazy upstairs. A guy like this comes along once in a lifetime. He can fill any ball park."

Mr. Viscusi was breathing hard, but game as a pebble.

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PEP IS BATTERED CHAMP—Willie Pep, of Hartford, Conn., who regained his featherweight title from Sandy Saddler in New York Friday night, has his eye cut examined by a doctor in the dressing room after the bruising fight. Pep won a 15-round decision in his return fight with Saddler, who captured the championship with a knockout last October. (AP Wirephoto.)

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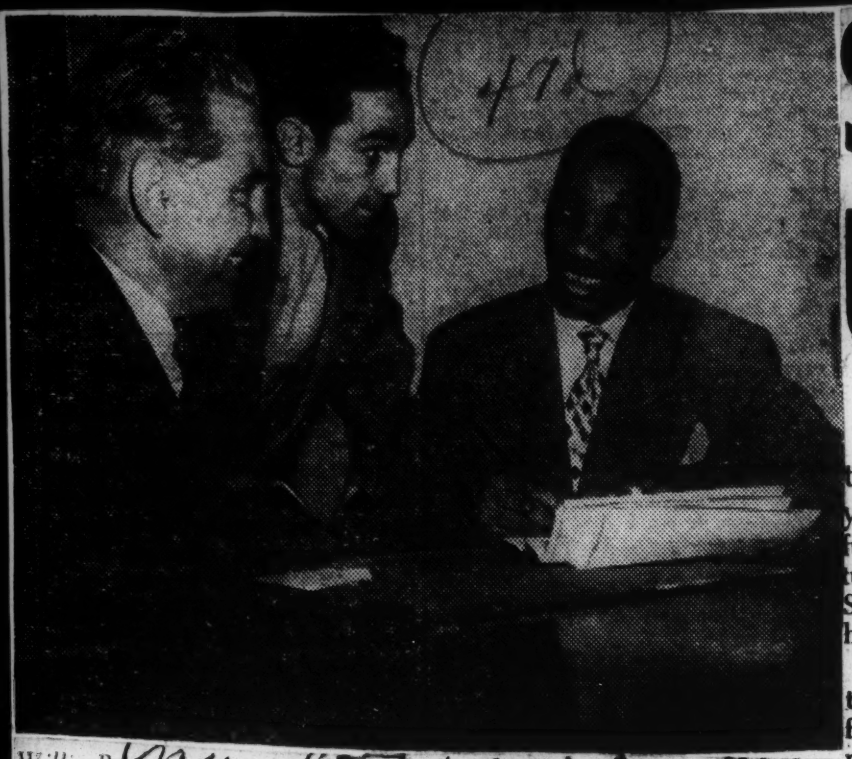
Jack Frank

FRUSTRATED: Willie Pep (left) ties up Sandy Saddler and halts his offensive at the Garden Friday night. The hard battler kept Sandy off balance most of the night and regained featherweight title



Willie Pep, ring roundup of the champion in his last bout with Sandy Saddler, solemnly watches smiling Sandy, the new featherweight champion, sign the contract for a return bout between the fighters at Madison Square Garden, Feb. 11. Boxing Commissioner Eddie Eagan stares his official approval. Associated Press Photo

Saddler Case Shows Up Ring Injustices

By Bill Mardo

The "mystery" of why Sandy Saddler's management failed to protect for him a return bout in case he lost his title to Willie Pep, which he did last week, was cleared up yesterday in a vehement reply by the ex-champ's pilot, Charley Johnston. Johnston threw full blame squarely on 20th Century Sporting Club for putting Saddler over a barrel before he got his first crack at Pep last October.

"When we finally got the chance to sign in October for the first fight with Pep," Johnston told the press yesterday, **"Sol Strauss of 20th came up with the screwiest contract I ever heard of. And I had to sign that contract or lose the chance for Sandy to get his first title shot."**

Johnston revealed that the contract for the Oct. 29th bout established a precedent by providing for the exact date of the return bout, Feb. 11, in case Saddler beat Pep in the original. **"And the contract failed to provide for a third bout in case Saddler lost the title on Feb. 11. I demanded that a third-bout clause be inserted,"** Johnston said, **"but they insisted the Boxing Commission objected to contracts that seemed to arrange a series of bouts between two men. And that a new deal for a third bout could be made if necessary.**

"But after Sandy took the title from Pep, there was no new deal before the return bout. Lou Viscusi, Pep's manager, insisted upon terms of the contract being carried out. And so did 20th Century. I had posted a forefeit of $1,000 guaranteeing a defense against Pep on Feb. 11. The loss of one grand wouldn't have meant much; but if we hadn't gone through wtih the contracted bout, Viscusi and 20th would have started action with the New York Commission and the National Boxing Association to have the title vacated."

THIS WHOLE QUESTION of return-bout clauses and the manner in which contenders have to take a beating through legalistic connivery before getting a deserved chance at the championship, is well worth considering. In the Pep-Saddler series, there's little doubt that Sandy got the worst end of it. After getting the runaround from Pep's management for two years, he finally got a title shot ONLY if he agreed to fight for next to nothing, 10 percent and providing he would split the return bout 30-30 with the Pep board in case he won the title.

In other words, the New York Boxing Commission sanctioned a bout wherein the challenger never even got the champion's share of the purse after he won the title!

This other question Johnston raised, that of the Commission supposedly not wanting anything to appear like a "series of bouts" between the same two men, is so much hogwash on the part of the Commish.

There have been too many recent case of title bouts between the same two men, sanctioned by the Commish, wherein logical contenders were frozen out of the picture while champ and challenger pulled encore after encore.

How about the two ridiculous Lesnovich-Fox fights, wherein an unschooled contender who was badly beaten in his first effort later got the next title chance and was again horribly licked, only this time via a one-round kayo. All this, while the real contender, Ezzard Charles. was kept twiddling his thumbs until he had to give up all hope of ever getting a title shot at Lesnevich. The Commission even let Gus go to London and defend against Freddie Mills, rather than demand an immediate defense against Charles.

The Zale-Graziano series, as thrilling brawls as they were, kept such worthy challengers as Ray Robinson, Jake LaMotta, Steve Belloise and Bert Lytell on the sidelines. The inane logic of both the New York Commission and the NBA was further highlighted when Marcel Cerdan was allowed to take Zale's title without first having fought in an elimination with Robinson, Belloise, Lytell and LaMotta. To say nothing of the fact that a Zale, as washed up and over the hill as he is, can get another title fight with Cerdan this summer by dint of those return-bout clauses, while Robinson and the others are still kept waiting. This is a logic which, aside from everything else will send Zale into the ring to take another brutal banging. **Quite a business.**

HARTFORD BATTLER CAPTURES DECISION

Pep Beats Saddler on Points for Featherweight Crown in Garden 15-Rounder

NEW HAVEN BOXER SCORES

Compo Receives Verdict Over Carrasco in a Spectacular 8-Round Semi-Final

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Willie Pep of Hartford, Conn., regained the world featherweight championship last night by outpointing Sandy Saddler of Harlem over the fifteen-round route at Madison Square Garden.

The crowd was estimated at 18,000, with receipts about $85,000. Saddler weighed 124 pounds, Pep 126.

The referee was Eddie Joseph. The judges were Jack O'Sullivan and Frank Forbes. Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, and Ray Robinson, world welterweight titleholder, were among those introduced from the ring in the prebout preliminaries.

Pep was like a ghost in the first round. He hit Saddler when and where he pleased, with a variety of punches that had the champion bewildered. Saddler, on the other hand, hardly landed a clean blow. Pep blinded his rival with left jabs. There was a period when he landed thirty-seven jabs by actual count. He varied this with a right jab, to the delight of his adherents in the crowd.

Shows Speed of Foot

In one scrimmage near the corner of Saddler, they almost wrestled through the ropes. Pep volleying his lefts, also crossed counters right to the jaw, and he had all his speed of foot and the rapidity of his punches a revelation to Saddler.

Through the second the action was similar. Saddler didn't know where the punches were coming from. He was so bewildered as to look novice-like, in his futile attempts to counter, or still the fire of his foe. A left hook to the body and a combination left-hook and right cross to the jaw checked Pep momentarily mid-way of the round but only briefly.

Pep was warned in the third round for roughness on the ropes when he "heeled" the champion with an open right glove in a clinch. Saddler got through the blizzard of blows repeatedly in this round with solid left hooks to the head and body and punished Pep about the mid-section in the action at close range. One long left hook jarred Pep to his heels. Another opened a cut under his right eye.

Some of the spring went out of Pep's agile legs in the fourth. He wasn't as shifty as at the start. He wasn't as reckless with his fire. He wasn't as steady, either. Instead, Pep backed against the ropes, where Saddler pursued him, driving straight lefts to the face at long range. Sweeping rights and lefts to the head and face added to Pep's discomfort. Pep missed many jabs with which he was short, and his flurries were less frequent.

Pep Suffers Cut Eye

Pep had a cut under the left eye when the fifth round ended, a session in which he fought in flashes, frequently "spinning" Saddler against the ropes and banging the champion with volleyed rights and lefts. Saddler pressed the attack. It was a ripping right which opened the cut under Pep's left eye, and solid, stiff jabs repeatedly tilted Pep's head back.

Pep blinded the champion with baffling lefts in the sixth and when the round had gone two minutes stepped in suddenly with a solid right to the jaw which jarred Saddler to his heels. The champion, however, never stopped pressing the action, forcing Pep about the ring steadily, snapping occasional lefts to the face and varying his attack with an occasional long left to the body.

Wrestled often himself previously, Saddler took a hand at the roughness in the seventh, and almost wrestled Pep out of the ring. A short time later Saddler stumbled and almost fell face forward himself. Pep continued to punish the champion with blinding lefts to the face and neutralized Saddler's offensive efforts. Near the bell, however, Saddler crashed a solid right flush to the face which almost upset Pep.

Pep battered the champion from beginning to end of the eighth, volleying rights and lefts to the face and body at long range and at close quarters, while Saddler absorbed the beating without being able to launch a counter-offensive.

Eddie Compo, New Haven lightweight, hammered out a decision over Eduardo Carrasco, Peruvian boxer, in a spectacular eight-round semi-final. Compo's accurate hitting earned him the verdict. Compo weighed 130½ pounds, Carrasco 131.

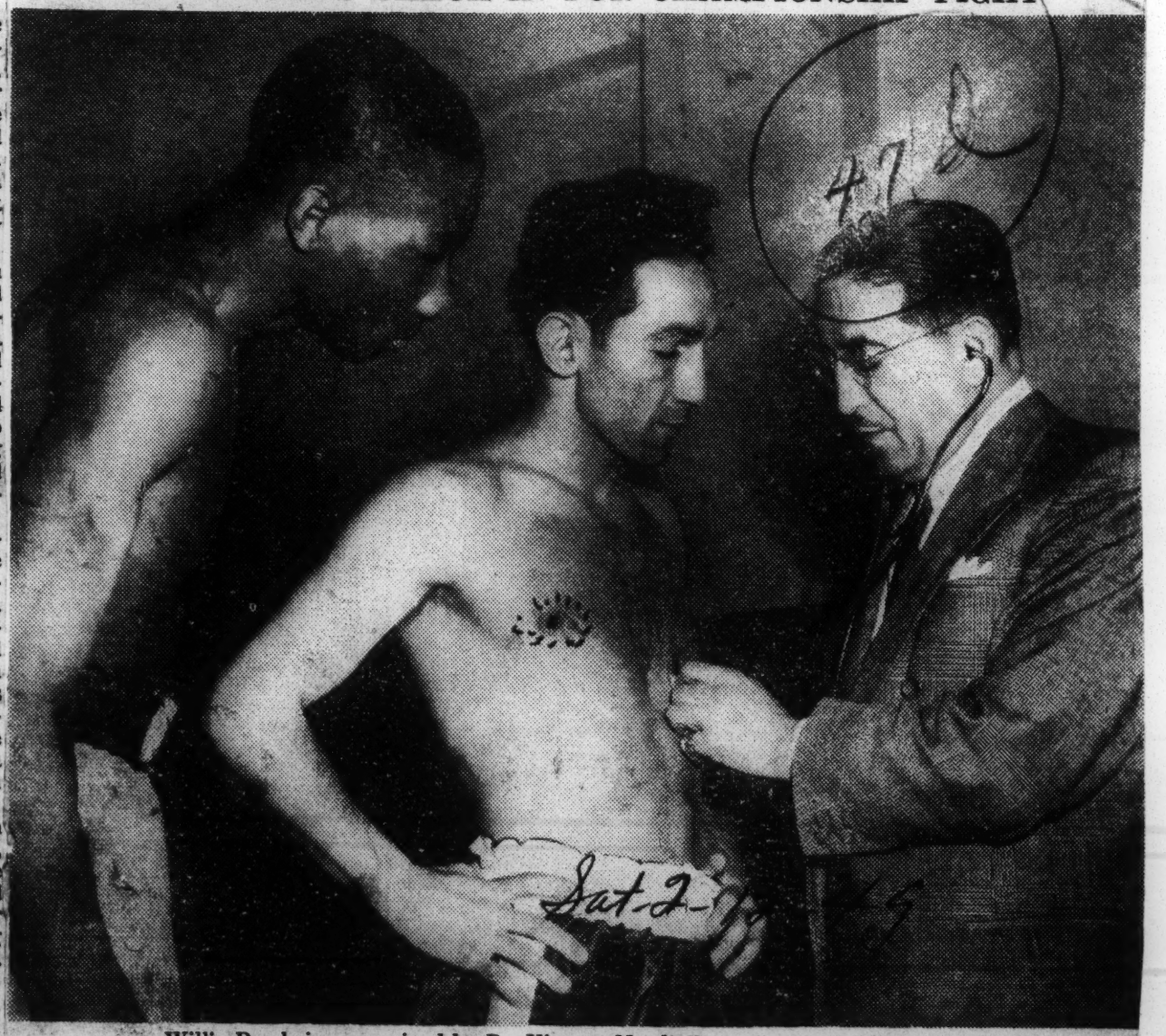
Del Flanagan, St. Paul lightweight, received credit for a knockout over Walter Kolby, Blasdell, N. Y., in the fourth round of their scheduled six-round encounter.

Referee Al Berle stopped the bout after 2:52 of the fourth session when a head-on collision brought Kolby a severe cut over the right eye. Flanagan, in his local debut, was ahead on points at the time. Flanagan weighed 133¼ pounds and Kolby 138.

Larry Mujica, Yorkville lightweight, received the verdict over Nick Darby, Jamaica, in their four-round bout, standing up under some solid right-hand smashes to the jaw to outpoint his foe. Mujica weighed 133 pounds and Darby 132½.

In the opening bout of four rounds, Sonny Luciano, Paterson, N. J. welterweight, banded out a decision over Mel Goldsmith of the Bronx. Luciano weighed 141¼ pounds, Goldsmith, 142.

CONTENDERS CHECK IN FOR CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT



Willie Pep being examined by Dr. Vincent Nardiello as Sandy Saddler looks on

Sports Stars Return the Favor to the P. A. L. Which Gave Them Their Start

James Kavallines

Sandy Saddler, featherweight champion of the world, handing a Police Athletic League membership card to Mayor William O'Dwyer at City Hall yesterday as the 1949 P. A. L. fund-raising drive opened. Looking on (left to right) are Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wallander, Karl Drews, former New York Yankee pitcher, now with the St. Louis Browns; Hank Majeski, third baseman of the Philadelphia Athletics; Bobby Thomson, New York Giant outfielder; George Stirnweiss, Yankee second baseman, and Deputy Police Commissioner James B. Nolan, president of the P. A. L. All the athletes began their careers in the P. A. L.

Third Pep-Saddler Match Now In Process Of Being Made

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BY MURRAY ROSE

NEW YORK, Feb. 12—(AP)—The dickering began Saturday for a third Willie Pep-Sandy Saddler bout. The encore, in Madison Square Garden Friday night, was that good.

Happy Harry Markson, managing director of the 20th Century Sporting Club, huddled Saturday with Lou Viscusi, Pep's manager, and Charley Johnston, Saddler's pilot.

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The boys didn't get around to signing anything. They just talked and picked up the handsome checks Markson had waiting.

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JOHNSTON WAS EAGER for the return bout but not on Viscusi's own terms. Viscusi was willing to wait a while before getting down to serious business.

There was plenty of time. Both fighters were cut up neatly Friday night. They're both going to rest up a while.

The talk centered on a Summer outdoor bout anyway. The fight mob was talking in terms of a $250,000 haul for a show in Yankee Stadium because of Friday night's thrilling contest.

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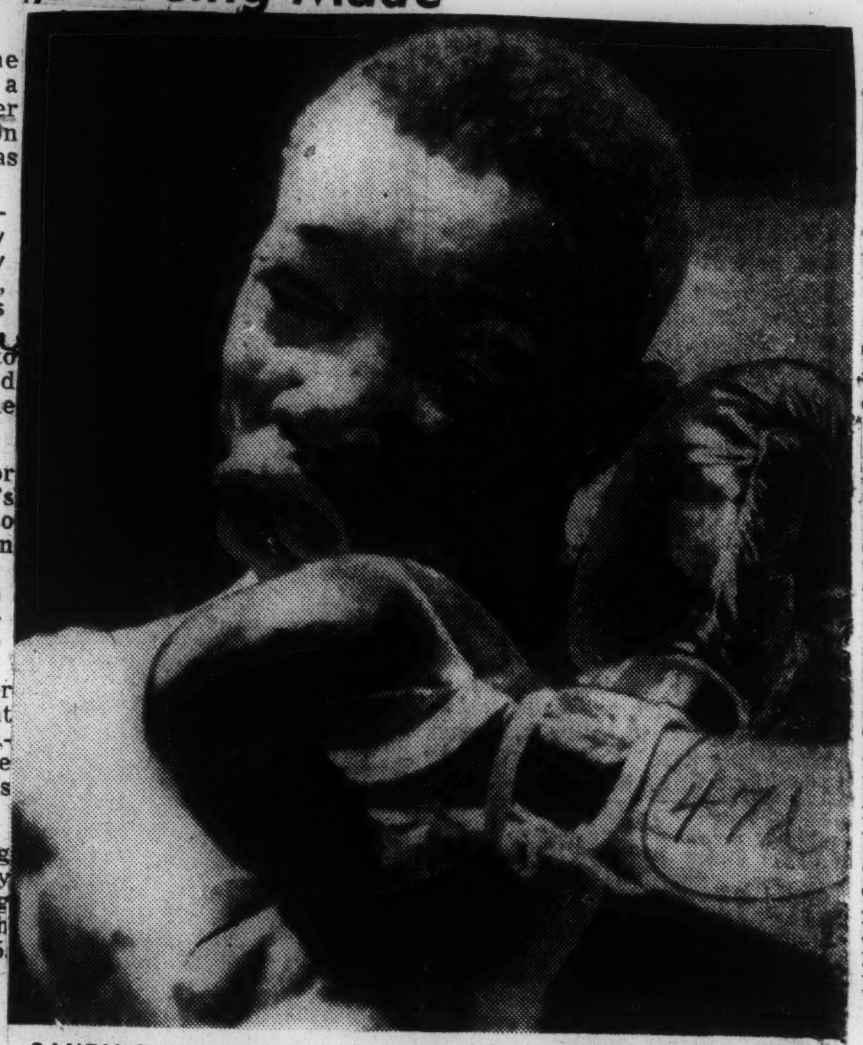
PEP, IN ADDITION to regaining his featherweight championship by outpointing Saddler and receiving 11 stitches over and above both eyes, received a check for $20,405.

Sandy, the thin, 22-year-old Harlem Negro, received the same amount to console him for the loss of his title. He required seven stitches by Dr. Vincent Nardiello to patch the cuts over his eyes.

The boys cut in for 30 per cent each of the $87,563 gate contributed by the sellout, 19,097 throng. It was a record gross for an indoor featherweight championship bout.

Pep, who was knocked out in four rounds by Saddler last October, is going to exhibit his bandaged face at a reception in his honor at Hartford Tuesday.

Gov. Chester Bowles and members of the Connecticut Legislature will pay tribute to the clever 26-year-old for his smashing comeback.



SANDY SADLY SOCKED—Willie Pep regained the world's featherweight championship Friday night from Sandy Saddler in a 15-round match at Madison Square Garden. Here is one of the reasons Sandy was sad at the conclusion. Pep is putting over a smashing right hand to Saddler's jaw. Willie won on a unanimous verdict. (Associated Press wirephoto.)

Pep-Saddler Rematch a Natural But Animosity May Cause Delay

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Outdoor Meeting Here Would Draw $200,000; Sandy's Manager Complains of Refereeing

By Jesse Abramson

Heaped with more honor and acclaim as a restored featherweight champion than he hard earned in his six-year reign, Willie Pep faces the prospect of a $200,000 rubber match outdoors with Sandy Saddler.

The outdoor meeting looms as a natural in the wake of their thrilling fifteen-round bout in which the pride of Hartford survived perilous moments to win back his title with matchless artistry in the best featherweight bout of this generation.

Their third match is a natural but it will be a tough one to make. The Pep and Saddler camps are not friendly, and their relations will not be improved by the shouts of Charley Johnston, Sandy's manager, that "we were robbed by the most incompetent refereeing I have seen in forty years." Johnston is preparing an official protest on Eddie Joseph's actions to Eddie Eagan, New York State boxing chairman, charging that the referee's breaking of the fighters; his man-handling of Saddler was an inordinate aid in saving Pep from a knockout.

Eagan to Back Referee

Eagan will back up his referee, if he does anything at all in response to Johnston's protest. Joseph broke the fighters because he was intent on permitting no hitting while holding. It was in the nature of the carefully calculated fight that Pep waged—a war of constant movement and evasion—that he should be succored every time the referee separated them and pushed Saddler off.

It was in close that Saddler did the slashing, ripping job that lacerated Pep's face that required eleven stitches in four cuts and made him such a sorry-looking winner, though a winner he was for sure.

Joseph's refereeing didn't win for Pep; Wily Willie did that for himself with his ring generalship in his fiercest fight. But Joseph can be condemned for one glaring error. He voted the tenth round by one point to Pep. That was the round in which Saddler smashed the challenger all over the ring and had him on the brink of dreamland. The two judges, rightly, gave the round by two points to Saddler. Joseph gave ten rounds to Pep, one more than the two judges did.

Fete for Willie

Lou Viscusi, again managing a champion, was mildly interested in another Saddler bout, but not right away, not at $10 tops, and not necessarily in New York, where Pep has made six of his eight title fights. Pep, he said, would take a long Florida-Cuba vacation after he is feted by Governor Chester A. Bowles and the Connecticut State Legislature in Hartford on Tuesday. The honors started yesterday when Mayor Cyril Coleman of Hartford, with Willie's mother, Mrs. Mary Papaleo, his two children, Mary Elizabeth, five, and William Patrick jr., three, met the champion at Greenwich for a police-escorted ride to his adoring home town.

Viscusi said Willie owed one championship defense to his home city, perhaps outdoors this summer. Harry Markson, piling on one exciting fight after another in the Garden, wants a Pep-Saddler bout in the Yankee Stadium or the Polo Grounds in June. Johnston wants another bout, but Saddler won't Pep in Hartford.

"What'll happen in Pep's home town if Saddler gets the deal he got in New York," Johnston blurted.

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Last Great Effort

Pep, whose affairs are shrewdly handled, may want no part of Saddler again. This may have been twenty-six-year-old Pep's last great effort against this sort of pressure opposition. He was like a swimmer who made shore with his last gap.

But Saddler remains the No. 1 contender, and only with Saddler can Pep draw any kind of money, meaning more than $50,000. The $87,563 gate paid by the 19,097 sell-out crowd was a record featherweight gate.

There's gold in the Pep-Saddler series. Pep, a winning but never an exciting fighter before because he wins with guile, made a most exciting fight, because he was fighting for his life. He fought carefully, taking calculated risks. He had to, to win. He followed Bill Gore's advice to keep moving, never giving Saddler the straight-line, flat-footed target he had been, though carelessness and over-confidence, in his fourth-round knockout defeat last October.

Great Generalship

Dan Morgan, the sage, paid Pep his supreme compliment.

"It was the greatest thinking job I ever saw," said Dumb Dan. "He even out-thought Jack Britton. That's generalship."

Pep demonstrated every trick in the book, and outmatched Saddler in the business of spinning, twisting, pulling, arm-lifting, feet-stepping and other extra-legal business. Once he spun Saddler completely around and ambushed him with a right on the face.

"Inside, it was the foulest fight I ever saw, said Joseph, "without any butting, kneeing or biting, however. At long range it was clean. I had to prove to them in the first few rounds that I was the boss. I knew it would be rough when Saddler refused to shake hands at my command before the first round.

Referee Bothered Sandy

Saddler thought Joseph warned him, bothered him, more than he did Pep.

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Saddler, though he didn't bleed like Pep, required seven stitches in slight cuts over his eyes. He will be ready to fight in a month and will meet all featherweights and all lightweights, except Ike Williams, Johnston said.

Each boxer received $20,405. Sadler had received only $4,000 to Pep's $21,000 last October.

Saddler-Pep Fight Friday Likely Sellout

20th Century S. C., yesterday reported about 1,000 seats at $3 and $2.50 on the racks. In addition 3,000 general admission $1.50 balcony seats will be placed on sale on the day of the title fight. A final training sessions at Summit, N. J., and Hartford, Conn., respectively, where each will be examined by commission doctors today.

Despite television, the first Madison Square Garden boxing sellout in three years seems assured for the first championship bout of 1949—Sandy Saddler's first defense of his featherweight title against Willie Pep on Friday.

With five days to go, Harry Markson, managing director of the

In First Defense of Title

Pep will fight before house. Under the contract he and the

Saddler's role as favorite was strengthened a half point yesterday when the odds moved up to

10 to 13 from 5 to 6. Saddler won the title as a 16-to-5 underdog last October. There were predictions then that Pep would be the favorite when they met again. The current odds refute this. The skeptics probably were convinced of Saddler's ability to handle Pep in the return by the compelling manner in which he knocked out rough Terry Young on Dec. 17.

The title bout dominates the fistic calendar this week. At the St. Nicholas Arena tonight lightweights Billy Murphy and Jimmy Watkins jr. and middleweights Gene Boland and Henry Holt will meet in eight-rounders. Murphy received a split decision over Watkins in a previous encounter. At Jamaica Arena Freddy Menna faces Ray Solomon in a welterweight eight and at Newark's Laurel Garden Bert Lytell and Henry Hall are slated for ten rounds. Mon-2-7-49

Ezzard Charles, the No. 1 heavyweight contender, who is by turns willing and unwilling to meet Joe Louis, meets Johnny Haynes in Philadelphia in ten rounds tonight.

Willie Pep Win Ranks Among Top Comebacks

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By BILL CORUM

NEW YORK — (INS)—Nobody ever saw 'em all. So all I can say is that it's doubtful if any champion in any field of sports ever made a greater comeback than Willie Pep, of Hartford, Conn., made before that screaming, roaring crowd in Madison Square Garden Friday night, when he said to Sandy Saddler: "Hey there, kid, you've got something that belongs to me."

It was a superlative, extraordinary performance by a superlative, extraordinary glove fighter. It was one of those down-to-the-last-gasp battles by a fellow who had to fight sometimes from memory. But when he did, fought from a memory that was smart and cool and collected—the memory of a champion.

For Willie Pep, who once did these things in a light-footed dancing breeze, had to reach down very deep Friday night and take hold of that thing that makes the true champion a champion always.

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TRUE CHAMPION

Signor Papaleo, who is Willie Pep, Friday night, wound up being just a trifle more than a 50 per cent contributor to what, almost surely, was as fast and furious a 15-round fight as two little men ever have offered in the modern annals of the ring.

For we must not forget that the three months' featherweight champion — Sandy Saddler, who wouldn't have had to have his title in there under the rules of boxing—did his part, to make it a fight that they'll remember.

He did his part, too, to make sure that not even the most careless tongue can clack again that their first meeting was anything save as honest a fight as any man ever saw.

Four times, beginning in the fourth round, disaster whispered in Willie Pep's ear, and in the 10th round it was a shout that 19,097 excited customers who had paid the record gate for little men of $87,563, thought they could hear for sure. I guess that everybody heard it then except Willie Pep.

PEP RIDES OUT STORM

Just one more right hand smash would have had to end it in the 10th. In the 14th and 15th, Pep rode out a storm on grit alone. So that, at the end, even his superb fighting brain and instinct was a time clock.

Yet, he, Pep, had the time figured perfectly. Just as he had everything about this fight figured perfectly — or almost — from the beginning.

Perhaps he missed just a beat or so in the 45 minutes of quick savage and sometimes over-rough going. But he didn't miss many.

I thought that the officials were over-kind to him in their tabulations of 10-5, 9-6, and 9-5-1. But, perhaps, even to point that out is to quibble.

Pep won and he won for sure. How much more could anybody have asked? How much more could anybody have wanted from a fighter who gave a performance so superlative?

BOUT DISPELS RUMORS

And greater than his taking back his cherished title to the "Featherweight State" (in boxing only, please, Gov. Bowles and loyal nutmegers) was the proof Friday night that Willie had cheated nobody, let nobody down, when Sandy Saddler knocked him out last October 29.

If it sounds like boasting, charge me with it, but I never for one moment thought that Pep had done that. Or that Saddler beat him with anything last October except superior punching power and skill that night.

If ever a refutation of a rumor of larceny ever was offered in boxing for all the world to see, I must feel that Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler offered it Friday night. Had you seen little Saddler "eating nails" in his dressing room, you would have known how much that title meant to him.

And if you saw—or even heard I hope—Pep's greatest fight, you would have known how much it meant to him.

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By ARTHUR DALEY

Not Enough Pep

Do you remember how they laughed when he sat down at the piano? At least that is what the old-time advertisements used to proclaim. Well, sir, Charlie Johnston sat down at the piano last October and folks started to snicker. Quite a card that Johnston. And the loudest guffaws came when Charlie insisted that "my Scotsman" (sic!) would knock out Willie Pep for the world featherweight championship. It was such a ridiculous claim that few paid Manager Johnston the slightest heed. After all, he was the brother of Jimmy Johnston, pugilism's famed Boy Bandit, and he had learned the trick of making preposterous assertions from the Old Master.

On the face of it, it was a silly statement. To begin with, "my Scotsman" was Sandy Saddler, a skinny Harlem Negro with a fine record in the sticks but virtually unknown in the big time. Pep, however, was a seemingly invincible who was worthy to be racketed with such featherweight immortals as George Dixon, Terry McGovern and the like. He rarely lost a round much less a fight. In fact the only chap ever to beat him was Sammy Angott, the Clutch, a hit-and-run fighter who was more spoiler than boxer. Wee Willie had won sixty-two in a row before that disaster.

Hence it was obvious that Charlie was talking through his hat, an old Johnston custom. But where Jimmy did most of his conversing through a derby hat, Charlie affected a soft-gray fedora. To begin with Saddler had the wrong architecture for a featherweight, too tall and too thin. A solidly built little hustler like Pep would break him in half. The experts said as much and so did the price-makers who established Wee Willie as a 1-to-3 favorite.

The Melody Lingers On

But when Johnston finally sat down at that piano he sure played himself a tune. That is to say that Saddler played the tune. He played Kitten on the Keys all over Pep's features, except that there was nothing kittenish about his blows. The 22-year-old stabbed Willie dizzy with a rugged left jab, wrestled him around at will, hooked him sharply and crossed accurately with his right. By the time the third round had arrived, it was quite apparent that the challenger was everything the enthusiastic Johnston had said he was. Mon-2-10-49

Midway through the session "my Scotsman" banged over a left and the ensuing thud shocked the entire state of Connecticut, particularly Pep's home town of Hartford. The champion went down for a count of nine. He arose and went down for nine once more. Only the bell saved him from destruction then and there. But it was only a postponement. In 2:38 of the fourth another left administered to the pride of the Nutmeg State the first knockout of his career. Sandy was champion. Johnston was right. So they'd laugh at him, eh?

The Usual Rumors

As is generally the case whenever there is a tremendous upset—and this was a tremendous one—the skeptics carelessly tossed around a few rumors that the fight might not have been on the up-and-up. It's true that Pep looked like the proverbial hollow shell but that occasion always comes to even the very greatest. The ringside observers, alerted in advance, watched for traces of skulduggery but saw nothing to arouse their suspicions.

The workmanlike job that the busy and hard-working Saddler did on Pep stirred up enough admiration and respect to make him a 10-13 favorite for tomorrow's bout in the Garden where he had been a 3-1 underdog a little more than three months before. The mere fact that Sandy's camp is giving Wee Willie a return match so quickly bespeaks the confidence there in the class and ability of the Harlem stringbean.

After all Charlie Johnston fired challenges at Pep for a full year before he could lure him into the ring. It would have embarrassed him no end if one had been accepted immediately but Boy Bandit Jr. shrewdly figured that "my Scotsman" would be ready for Pep in a year and also figured that it would take that length of time to arrange the match. Now he seems to have aimed his sights at Ike Williams' lightweight crown—a year or so from now, though

Nor could he blame his defeat on the accident which nearly cost him his life more than two years ago. He crashed in New Jersey woodlands and emerged from the wreckage with a broken leg, two cracked vertebrae and minor chest injuries. He was three months in the hospital, encased in two casts, hobbled around on crutches for a while. But five months later he was back in the ring and looking as good as he ever did.

Double Jeopardy

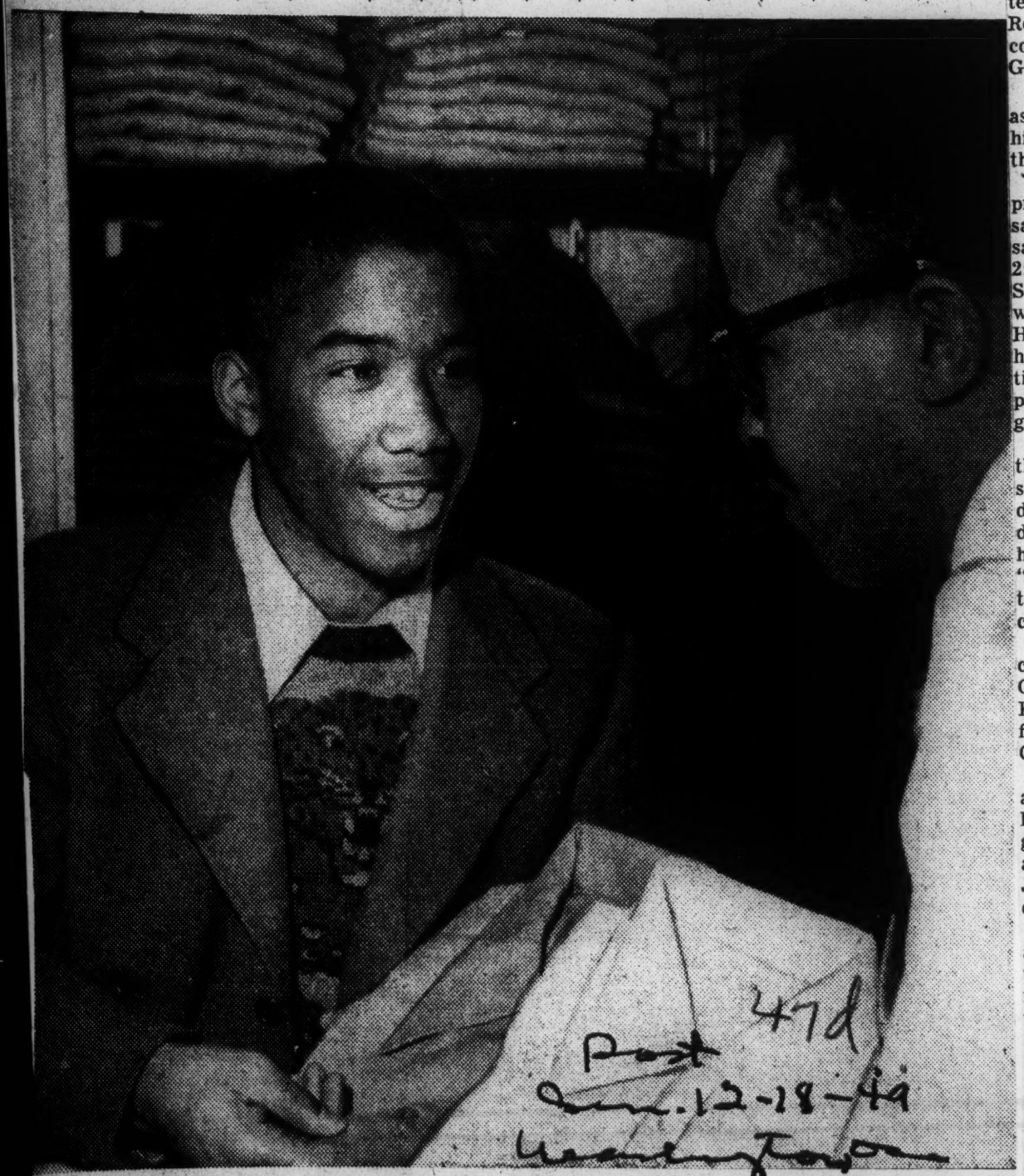
Maybe so. Yet it could hardly be a complete surprise if the Hartford hustler won back the crown so that he could place it in jeopardy again. Double jeopardy is nothing new to him. He is

Weak Alibi

Wee Willie from Hartford, who never before had to offer an alibi, fumbled the ball badly the first time he tried to carry it. "I was over-confident," he confessed, using the same excuse as the fellow who didn't know the gun was loaded. Although Pep held the championship for six years from that November night in 1942 when he nudged the crown off the ancient brow of the ageless Chalky Wright, he is still only 26 years old. Therefore it hardly would appear as though he is all washed up and a candidate for the Old Folks' Home.

and no sooner.

No Sacrifice Too Much for Smith



By Charles DelVecchio—The Washington Post

OFF THE CUFF—Gene Smith (left) promising District bantamweight, gets some late shirt fashion notes from one of his managers, Billy Banks. Smith fights Ted Harrison of Baltimore in a five-round preliminary bout at Turner's Arena Monday night

Boxer's Girl, Ray Robinson Encourage Him

By Herb Heft
Post Reporter

IT'S A BIG sacrifice for a fun-loving 18-year-old—giving chocolate sodas and late dates.

But little Gene Smith figures that it's worth the hardship if it means he'll be boxing's bantamweight champion of the world some day.

Gene's just starting out as a pro. He'll have only his second pro fight Monday night in a five-uprround preliminary against Baltimore's Ted Harrison at Turner's Arena. Yet, a lot of prominent boxing figures hereabouts are already saying he has the making of a champ.

Among them are Harvey L. Miller, District of Columbia boxing commissioner; Gabe Menendez, Turner's matchmaker; Welterweight Champion Sugar Ray Robinson and Izzy Kline, veteran coach of the All-West Golden Gloves team.

Smith won 57 out of 59 fights as an amateur. He kayoed 30 of his opponents and was never on the floor himself.

Menendez, gleeful over the prospect of a new gate attraction, says "that kid's an iceberg. I saw him stop Joe Camarotta in 2:40 last Monday. It was only Smith's first pro fight, and if he was nervous, he didn't show it. He's very fast and what a left-handed sock he has. The first time he landed, he nearly tore poor Camarotta's head off. He'll get better fights soon."

Robinson watched Smith win the All-East Gloves title with seven straight knockouts and a decision at Madison Square Garden. Sugar Ray visited Gene in his dressing room and told him, "Listen to your managers and train hard. You'll be a real champ some day."

Heartened, Smith went to Chicago and won the National Golden Gloves flyweight title. Kline said, "He's the best little fighter to come out of the Golden Gloves in 10 years."

Billy Banks and Bobby Brown, a couple of fair fighters not so long ago, think Gene's pretty good, too. They're his comanagers. In the same stable is Jimmy Cooper, Washington's current bantamweight hopeful.

Gene has no drastic illusions about crowding Cooper out of the local fight picture in the immediate future. "I work out with Jimmy every day," says Gene, "and I know he's far more polished than I am. He's awfully nice to me. He teaches me something new every day and he never gets mad or impatient with me."

Ironic part of Smith's development as a puncher is that he was termed a sissy by the neighborhood kids when he was about 9 years old.

"I had the only football in the neighborhood, and they used to say that if I wouldn't let them play with the ball, they'd 'get me,'" recalls Gene.

"Until I got to be around 12, I used to sneak out the back door to school.

"Then one day, Harold Watkins, who used to be a pro fighter, invited the kids to come down to an empty lot at First and K sts. ne., to fool around with his boxing gloves. He staged some neighborhood bouts out there, and I got to like mixing it. I was pretty fast, and though I didn't know where my punches would land I won almost all my fights."

While he was piling up honors, Gene, oldest of three brothers and two sisters, pitched in to help support the family.

He's probably the only boy who ever went straight to college after graduating from junior high school. With the family in need of funds, Gene quit school after getting a Shaw Junior High diploma, and got a job as helper in the Georgetown University kitchen.

Giving up late hours hasn't hurt Gene too much. "I only have one girl friend," he says "and she's sympathetic. Maybe it's because she'd like to be wife of a champion someday."

Members of Illinois state boxing commission visit Joe Walcott's training camp, also near Momence. With Walcott (center) are Joe Triner (left), chairman, and Ralph Metcalfe, member. Walcott will make his third try at title.

Jersey Joe Bounces Off the Pounds

Chicago, Ill.

BY ROBERT CROMIE

Jersey Joe Walcott, who hopes to find the end of the fistic rainbow—with its pot of gold—a week from tonight in Comiskey park, yesterday got his weight down to 194 pounds of what undoubtedly is all bone and muscle.

Walcott, an apparently serene and unworried fighter (as might be expected of one who has been in the ring some 19 years) hopes to keep his weight within half a pound of that figure from now until he steps into the ring against the younger Ezzard Charles, rival claimant to the shoes and crown vacated by Joe Louis not too many weeks ago.

Veteran Trainer Arrives

The big news at Walcott's camp near Momence yesterday was the arrival of Dan Florio, veteran trainer from Stillman's gym in New York City. Florio, who trained Walcott for his two battles with Louis, will work with Joey Allen, balding little man who has been guiding Walcott's conditioning so far. Both trainers will be in the Jersey bouncer's corner when that bell rings and silence falls over Comiskey park.

The 12 pound reduction in Walcott's weight since he started in training in earnest six weeks ago has been earned by stepping 101 rounds with various sparring mates and running a total of 215 miles, or roughly from his camp to Chicago three times, with a dash of calisthenics thrown in.

Pilot Is Confident

Felix Bocchicchio, Walcott's brisk and efficient manager, has boundless confidence in his "boy" and admiration for his will power. Joe now gets chops in the morning instead of poached eggs—a culinary device intended to keep his strength up—he eats only two meals daily and drinks no more (Bocchicchio swears) than a single glass of water.

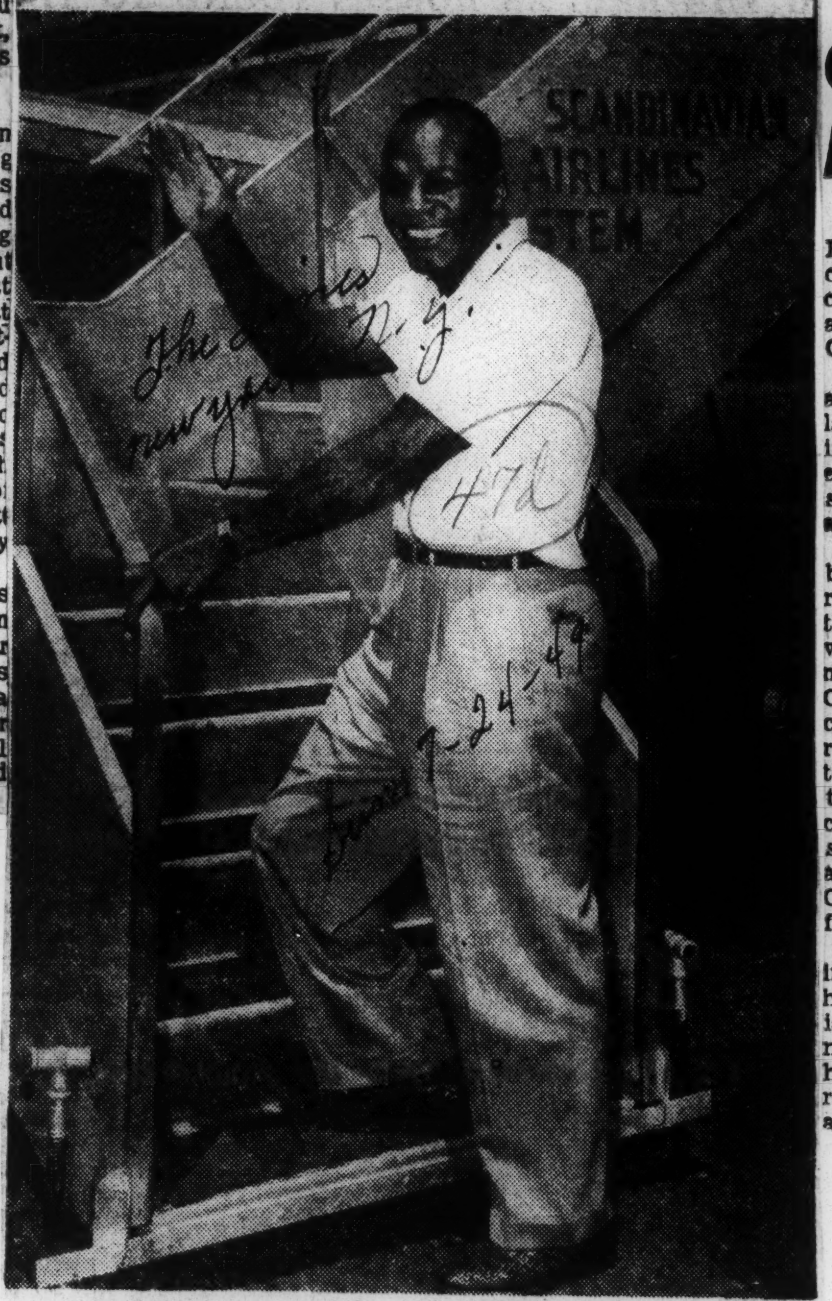
Felix is firm in his statement, however, that Walcott would eat no more than told even if he ate alone in the middle of a well stocked restaurant and would quit at a single glass of water if you ran him till his tongue hung out, then put a jug of ice water at his elbow.

Burley Had Enough

There seems little point in any comparison of the hitting power of Walcott, who three times had Louis on the canvas, and Charles, whose deadly punching is well known to Chicago fans, but you can't hang around the Walcott camp long without hearing that Charlie Burley, a Pittsburgh fighter, arrived the day camp opened (hired because he had stepped 20 rounds with Charles in two fights and never been off his feet) and left the day after with his nose almost literally out of joint, a souvenir of a Walcott right hand that deposited Burley on the seat of his trunks.

Charles, incidentally, who is the favorite by a slight margin in gambling circles, did not spar yesterday because his managers and trainers refused to take a chance with a slight cut under one eye. The Cincinnati lad will work out tomorrow, however, and every day thereafter thru Monday.

AMERICAN HEAVYWEIGHT OFF FOR SWEDEN



Jersey Joe Walcott boarding a Scandinavian Airliner at Idlewild yesterday for a flight to Stockholm, where he will fight Olle Tandberg on Aug. 14. The New York Times

Jersey Joe Walcott, Negro heavyweight contender, left yesterday from Idlewild Airport aboard a Scandinavian Airliner for Stockholm, Sweden, where he is to meet Olle Tandberg, Swedish champion, on Aug. 14. Accompanying the Camden, N. J., boxer were Manager Felix Bocchiccio, Trainer Daniel Florio and a sparring partner.

Walcott disclosed that he has a guarantee of $15,000 or 30 per cent of the gate, plus expenses, for the bout. Following his fight with Tandberg, Walcott and his party are planning to go to England, where Manager Bocchiccio will try to arrange a match with Freddie Mills.

Walcott Foe Of Johnson Here Feb. 8

Jersey Joe Walcott's meeting with Harold Johnson, a 10-round clash of heavyweights, yesterday was set officially for Wednesday, February 8 at the Arena, by the State Athletic Commission.

The clash of the Camden veteran and the Manayunk youth was signed last week by Harry Stellman, boxing promoter at the Arena. However, there was no definite date set since the commission objected to a proposed February 15 date.

John DaGrosa, Philadelphia member of the commission, yesterday ruled the bout should be staged on the earlier date. He said the other was too close to the February 22 meeting of Ray Robinson and George Costner at Convention Hall. Signed contracts for the latter bout, a 10-round non-title meeting of the welter champion and the Camden contender, have been filed with the commission. However, the Robinson-Costner date never has been announced by its promoter, Phil Glassman, who originally booked it for December 12.

The bout was deferred when Robinson contracted bursitis, forcing him to ask for a postponement. It is understood that Glassman will not announce a new date until he has assurance that Sugar Ray has recovered fully and will be fit for action.

'SWEDISH CHAMP':

Jersey Joe Kayoes Tandberg in Fifth

STOCKHOLM — Jersey Joe Walcott needed but five rounds to put the quietus on Olle Tandberg, heavyweight champion of Sweden, in a scheduled 12-round match here Sunday night.

A crowd of 43,000 howling spectators watched the battle, staged at huge Rasunda Soccer Stadium, situated on the outskirts of this city.

Tandberg was outfought from beginning to end. He was down twice before the final count came at 2:30 of the fifth. In the third, Olle hit the deck from a left hook to the jaw. The Swedish titleholder was up at the count of eight and fought back, but feebly.

The veteran Camden, N.J., fighter announced after the bout that he was anxious to get another crack at Ezzard Charles, to whom he lost in Chicago in June. That was the third shot Jersey Joe had at the heavyweight crown. Twice previously, he had lost to Joe Louis, once on decision and again on an eleventh round knockout.

The 43,000 turnout was the largest in Scandinavian ring history.

Because of Tandberg's aggressive tactics in the first, Referee Andrew Smyth of Ireland scored the opening session in Olle's favor. And he scored each of the next three rounds even. The bout was scheduled for 12 rounds.

Today's defeat was the second for Tandberg by a prominent American fighter. When Olle invaded the U.S. in January, 1948, he was outpointed in his debut by Joey Maxim. Before returning to Sweden, Olle beat two mediocre heavies—Walter Hafer and Dulio Spagnola, recently arrived from Italy.

They matched body blows savagely during the first half of the fourth round, then Tandberg took command and drove Walcott from rope to rope with long left jabs.

As the fifth opened, Tandberg began chasing his smaller opponent. Suddenly, Walcott smashed Olle on the cheek with a terrific right hook. Olle sprawled sidways to the canvas and took a count of nine. Shortly after Tandberg had lurched to his feet, Walcott feinted with his right and then smashed him on the chin with a left hook that crumpled him to the canvas for the full count.

Walcott Wins By Kayo Over Tandberg In 5th

STOCKHOLM—Before the largest crowd ever to witness a fight in Scandinavia, Jersey Joe Walcott knocked out Sweden's heavyweight champion, Olle Tandberg, in the fifth round of a scheduled 12-round bout Sunday and then announced he wanted another crack at Ezzard Charles.

The Camden, N. J. cutie sent the big Swede to the floor time and time again before he finally sent him away for good after two minutes and 30 seonds of the fifth round.

Forty-three thousand people in a circus mood watched the veteran American heavyweight, beaten twice by Joe Louis and once by Ezzard Charles, drop Tandberg for an eight count with a left hook to the jaw in the third.

BLISTERING ATTACK PAYS-OFF IN FIFTH

The Big Swede ambled back, however, and held his own in the fourth before Jersey Joe turned a blistering atack on him in the fifth. Walcott smote the Swede with a short right and he tumbled to the floor. Rising unsteadily at the count of eight, Tanberg met a fusillade of blows by Walcott.

Again the Swedish champion went down to his knees then reeled forward on his face. He rose dizzily but slumped on the ropes again.

The neutral Irish referee, Andrew Smyth, stepped in and raised Walcott's hands an dthe good-natured crowd peltered Walcott with flowers. Walcott, who entered the ring at 194 pounds, gave away a 13 and three fourth pound weight advantage to the Swedish champion, who weighed in at 207 pounds plus.

WANTS REMATCH WITH CHARLES

After the fight a glib Walcott announced he wanted another shot at Charles, who outpointed him in Chicago last June 22 forthe NBA world heavyweight crown.

"I shall certainly beat Charles next time," the New Jersey fighter vowed.

The United States Ambassador to Sweden, H. Freman Matthews congratulated Walcott and his manager, Felix Bocchicchio, in the former's dressing room.

Walcott employed the defensive tactics that confused Joe Louis in two title bouts in the first two rounds. The first two rounds were therefore very dull fighting. But in the third Walcott landed a knock down blow. This seemed to give him confidence and he opened up.

Tanberg threw caution out of the window and rushed Walcott in the fourth and fifth. Walcott staved off the attacks and proceeded to finish the night's work.

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Champion Prize Fighters Make Ring History

AS IS customary in all heavyweight championship bouts, the Jersey Joe Walcott-Ezzard Charles fight on June 22, again set the tongues of fans wagging and drawing all sorts of comparisons between title-holders, past and present.

The Jersey Joe-Charles bout went the full 15 rounds, with both contestants drawing down about $46,000 as their share of the purse. This is marked contrast with fights during the bare-knuckle days when purses of $1,000 were rare and many pugilists fought just to win the side bets.

The longest fight on record was that between Andy Bowen and Jack Burke in New Orleans, April 6, 1893. It lasted 110 rounds, with an all-time record of 7 hours, 19 minutes of fighting. This historic battle ended in a draw, the referee calling it 'no contest' when at the end of the 110th round both men were exhausted. A "round" in the old days lasted until one of the fighters was knocked down.

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Walcott, Charles, Savold Top List

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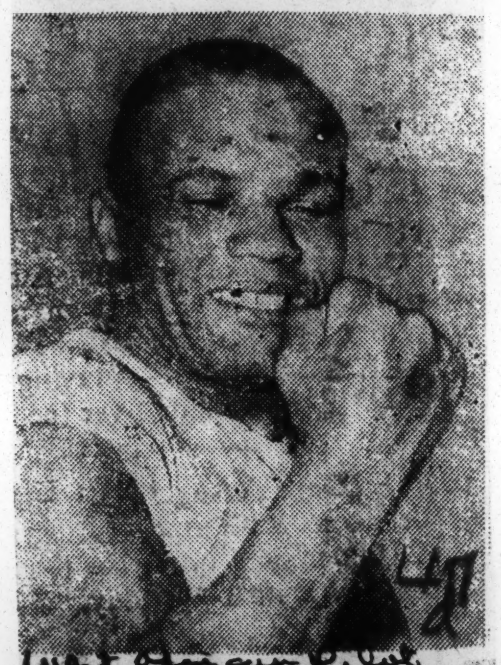
JERSEY JOE WALCOTT



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Greene Gets Support

NBA Smiles on Title Match Between Walcott and Charles

The National Boxing Association's Executive Committee yesterday indorsed the match between Jersey Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles for the World's heavyweight title vacated by Joe Louis.

Walcott and Charles are to meet in Chicago the night of June 22 in a fight under the promotion of Louis.

NBA President Flamen B. Adae said the executive committee's indorsement supports the action of NBA Commissioner Abe J. Greene who approved the match.

Adae said this was the answer to criticism of Greene. The New York State Athletic Commission came out in favor of a tournament to determine a champion, rather than a single match. New York is not a member of the NBA.

Adae pointed out that Walcott and Charles were the No. 1 and No. 2 challengers, respectively, for Louis' crown. He said their fight contract provides the winner must meet the next highest ranking challenger within 90 days and, within 90 days after the second bout, the next available challenger must be taken care of. This, he added, will clean up the entire heavyweight situation satisfactorily within six months.

The executive committee is holding its annual meeting here.

Associated Press Wirephoto

STARTS TRAINING—Jersey Joe Walcott opens training at Grenlock, N. J., for his June 22 fight with Ezzard Charles at Chicago.

Walcott Will Meet Big Swede Tomorrow

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 12.—Jersey Joe Walcott, who lost to Ezzard Charles in an NBA-recognised heavyweight championship encounter held in Chicago, last June, will fight Olle Tandberg, Swedish champion, on Sunday, August 14 at the Rasunda Stadium.

The winner is expected to fight Bruce Woodcock, the European champion, who has up till now evaded the big Swede.

EDITOR'S NOTE: After Joe Baksi broke Woodcock's jaw in 1947, he lost on point to Tandberg; perhaps that might explain Woodcock's reaction.

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HEAVYWEIGHTS SIGN—Joe Triner (seated, center), chairman of the Illinois Athletic Commission, hands pens to Ezzard Charles (left) and Jersey Joe Walcott as they signed for the vacated world heavyweight title yesterday at Chicago. Standing, left to right, are Lou Radzienda, athletic commissioner; Joe Louis, former champion; Arthur Wirtz, one of the fight's promoters, and Ralph Metcalfe, member of the athletic commission. The fight will be June 22 in Chicago's Comiskey Park.

Sports

by Dan Burley

WHO CARES WHICH ONE OF 'EM WON TITLE?

I ain't gonna lie and say I saw the fight. I didn't. I only heard it and, playing a hunch, I didn't make the effort to look up a telecast of the brawl from Chicago.

I had picked Jersey Joe Walcott to win and while I didn't write it, I don't duck a thing. Which isn't in the manner of some of our "experts" who have even picked correctly the day they're going to die. I figured Walcott because of what he did to Joe Louis in their first fight and because Charles isn't supposed to take it in the belly. He barely got past Joe Baksi on that score, remember, even though he was finally knocked out by Ezz.

And who cares who won? The whole thing belonged to "us," what with Joe Louis promoting and Ezz and Jersey Jay doing the fighting. This was the first time one of us had come up as a "Tex Rickard" on the promotion end of a heavyweight title fight.

Whether Louis' position as promoter for the International Boxing Club is secure or not, the fact remains that a Negro has come through as the guiding genius behind a world heavyweight title scrap. The way the thing went down shows what can be done when a guy gets in position to do it. Joe had the title and was serenely around and about making a pile of coin in exhibitions and giving the boys behind the desks and in the gyms all sorts of chilblains because he hadn't indicated whether he was going to quit.

Then came a good proposition: Jim Norris and Art Wirtz with all their loot and background. They'd cut Joe in on a third of a three-way partnership in the IBC if Joe retired, leaving the title in a position where somebody else could get at it. It was lucky, though, that the best heavyweight fighters around happened to be two suntans—Ezz and J. J. Louis couldn't arrange that. The guys had to batter their way to that recognition. Which they had already done, Louis being in position to pass judgment on Walcott's ability with a right hand.

Bruce Woodcock, Joe Baksi, Joe Maxim and Lee Oma are the only heavy weights not colored around at present to pick a contender from to meet Charles for the title.

From the way it looks, Charles might hold the National Boxing Assn. title for a few years before they develop somebody good enough to beat him. The other guys are just heavies in weight only.

Wins Unanimous Decision Over Joe Walcott

New Champion Scores With Solid "Rights" In Seventh Round

COMISKEY PARK, Chicago —— Ezzard Charles, who four months ago dreamed no more of fighting Joe Walcott than he did of becoming heavy weight champion of the world, did both Wednesday night with a solid unanimous 15-round decision over Jersey Joe in Comiskey Park in Chicago.

In a strange and confusion-wracked finish, the ring announcer bellowed forth the decision of the two judges and the referee while Jake Mintz, Charles' manager, was lying on his back in the ring in a dead faint. He had waited only to hear that his 27-year-old fighter had cinched the title before falling to the canvas. It was the only knockdown all night.

A crowd of about 30,000 fans saw Charles carry the fight from the fourth round on against the ever-cautious Walcott, who had tried for the heavyweight title twice before and lost both times to a gentleman named Joe Louis.

Louis was one of the promoters for tonight's fight, and he saw his successor emerge as a man who is a fighter indeed. Charles, who gave away 14 pounds to his 36-year-old foe tonight, swarmed all over Walcott when Walcott would let him, which was not too often.

CHARLES STAGGERS WALCOTT IN 7TH

If anything decided tonight's fight — and the vote of the officials was reasonably close — it was the seventh round. Judges Spike McAdams and Harold Marovitz voted 78 to 72 for Charles each, and Referee Davey Miller voted 77 to 73 in the same direction. But all three had their eyes open in the seventh, just after Charles, in swinging a left, caught his glove in the crook of Walcott's arm and fell to the floor.

It was no knockdown, but it seemed to provide the Cincinnatian with the inspiration he required. He came up, stepped out of a clinch, then threw a right that could be felt all the way up in the upper left-center field stands at Comiskey Park, where a good number of the spectators unaccountably found themselves sitting.

Two more rights, and Walcott had fallen back against the ropes, his face was one of wide open pain and dismay. He ducked feebly and threw his arms around Charles, only to take two more rights on the top of the head. He was hanging on when the bell sounded.

For all his solemn training-camp pledges, Camden-born Jersey Joe fought the same old fight that he always fight, if fight is the word for it. He may never do it again. Now that he has lost this finest of

Great Britain, as a matter of fact, will recognize the winner of that fight as the rightful heavyweight champion of the world, but Charles doesn't mind. He has the sanction of the powerful National Boxing Association, and that is

opportunities — he was practically even money in the betting — there seems little place for him to go.

CHARLES AWAITS WINNER SAVOLD-WOODCOCK FIGHT

Charles, under the promotion of the International Boxing Club which was set up when Louis retired on March 1, now is to oppose the winner of the late-summer encounter between Lee Savold and

In the WAKE of the NEWS

(Reprinted from Thursday's late editions.)

BY ARCH WARD

IF YOU WERE among those who felt that the future of the heavyweight boxing division rested upon the character and outcome of last night's fight at Comiskey park, you know today that you were altogether a vulgar optimist to assume the sport had a future..... Ezzard Charles, the new champion, is a far cry, practically a shriek, from the caliber of Joe Louis, but he, nevertheless, is a champion with all the romantic and financial opportunities the title involves..... Charles never looked better since he won Chicago's middleweight Golden Gloves championship in 1939 than he did in earning the unanimous decision of Referee Dave Miller and Judges Frank McAdams and Harold Marovitz over Jersey Joe Walcott.....No doubt Walcott's unwillingness to fight except for a few minutes in the early rounds contributed to Charles' showing.....It would have been hard to look unimpressive against an opponent whose only ambition was to go 15 rounds. Charles convinced one of the smallest crowds that ever has seen an outdoor heavyweight championship bout that he is nobody's all day sucker.....He can box.....He has sting in either fist.....He takes a punch well.....He bobs, weaves, ducks and sideslips.....His trouble is that he can't drill an opponent dead.....Aside from the seventh round when Charles took a four count after slipping to the floor and his counter assault that had Walcott groggy there was little action to thrill

Louis

Miller

Wirtz

McAdams

fans.....It takes two men to make a fight and from the seventh until the 15th Walcott used most of his energy backing away from Charles' attack.....There was more excitement immediately after the match than during the entire 15 rounds.....Announcer Pep Kerwin added suspense to the official decision by announcing each arbiter's scoring.....He first revealed that Judge McAdams gave the verdict to Charles by 78 to 72.....He said the other judge, Marovitz, had an identical score, which automatically gave the title to the Cincinnati negro.....As soon as Jake Mintz, Charles' manager, heard the second announcement he collapsed in Charles' corner.....Referee Miller, who voted for Charles, 77 to 73, caught Mintz before he hit the floor.....Two doctors worked over the stricken Mintz while stretcher bearers climbed into the ring to take him to a dressing room.....In a few seconds, however, Mintz rallied sufficiently to leave the ring under his own power. Louis was first to congratulate Charles on gaining the championship which he had relinquished after 12 years of unbroken success.....This is the way Louis summed up the bout: "Walcott never changed his style. Charles had to force the fighting all the way. He deserved to win."

.....Yesterday, incidentally, was one of the most interesting days of the former champion's exciting career.....He blossomed out as a fullfledged promoter in co-operation with Arthur Wirtz and Jim Norris.....He had something to do every minute, meeting people, answering phones, doing business with customers of varying importance in their communities and you know how important boxing fans can make themselves.....It was the first time since he can't remember when that Joe watched a heavyweight championship contest.....It was apparent he was enjoying the experience.

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No other championship outdoor fight ever was held under better weather conditions.....The temperature was in the 70s and there was little breeze.....Nary a cloud flecked the blue.....King Levinsky, who

Rigney

Earle

Driscoll

Williams

once was knocked out by Joe Louis in the first round, spent an hour before the first preliminary bout trying to bum a complimentary ticket.....Jim Powers, sports editor of the New York News, that city's most widely read sports columnist, was at the mike for the network telecast.....Don Dunphy and Bill Corum did the spieling for the radio audience.....State and city athletic commissions were well represented.....Among the group were delegates from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Colorado, Wisconsin, Florida, New York, Texas and New Jersey.....Harry Mendel, publicitor turned greeter, unrolled the red carpet early for Governors Driscoll of New Jersey, Earle of Pennsylvania and Williams of Michigan.....Mendel had credentials ready for Gov. Dewey of New York until informed by his secretary that he would not reach Chicago before midnight.....Manager Jake Mintz and Charles slipped away from their training camp at Sunset Hills country club so quietly Tuesday night that even Dick Mastro, public relations man at that base, didn't know they had gone..... Portable teleprinters, one of the several slick contraptions expected to send Morse code operators to the poorhouse, retirement, or their country estates, were employed last night for the first time at a Chicago sports event.....Unlike similar events held in New York and elsewhere, the press section seemed to include several who were working at the newspaper trade.....Johnny Rigney, head of the White Sox farm system, forgot about beardless genuises in the baseball sticks to attend the bout and case the house.....Baseball wasn't run out of the park completely.....The Sox-Washington game was broadcast from the booth via ticker tape and FM.....Jack Root, old-time fighter, was on hand to recall that he fought for the heavyweight championship under circumstances similar to last night's buildup..... In 1905 Jim Jeffries retired and designated Root and Marvin Hart as his most logical successors.....Hart stopped Root in the 12th round for the title.

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Tony Galento, the 2 ton heavyweight slasher of several years ago, in town on a wrestling tour, says that he considers the grapple art more in the sphere of drama than athletics.....Subtle thespian, that Tony!.....Neither Gov. Stevenson, who is in Colorado attending the governors' conference, nor Mayor Kennelly saw the show..... Among early arrivals were Preston Tucker, president of the Tucker corporation; his attorney, Frank McAdams, and Judge Michael Igoe, who is hearing the bankruptcy proceedings in the Tucker case..... McAdams served as a boxing judge.....The principals in the title fight were not the only ones with pre-show jitters.....George Rhein of Cincinnati, one of Charles' managers, wiped his forehead and remarked, "I'm a wreck," as he watched his fighter put on ring togs..... Walcott didn't read newspapers or magazines for seven days before the bout.....He concentrated on the Bible.....Gen. John V. Clinnin, one of the best chairmen the Illinois Athletic commission and the N. B. A. ever have had, watched the fight from a club row seat..... Tony Zale, former middleweight champion, had a chair directly behind Bill Tuohy, former states attorney.....Nearby were Sammy Mandell, who won the lightweight championship in Comiskey park on July 3, 1926, in the first legalized boxing match in Illinois, and his 21 year old son, Dick.

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Frankie Frisch, Cub manager in exile, attended the fight, tho not in the company of Television Actors Larry Goetz and Artie Gore, who double as National league umpires.....Frisch, who has been hiding under a rock since slapped with a suspension by President Ford Frick of the National league, has started to lose his gorgeous tan and is taking on sort of a prison pallor.....Among the sports officials who did not attend the match was Margaret Donahue, secretary of the Cubs, who stayed home to prepare for the celebration of her joining the Cub organization 30 years ago today.....She got the job on a "temporary" basis from a Chicago Tribune want ad.....John Roxborough, who befriended and took over the direction of Joe Louis in 1934 when he was graduated from Golden Gloves, was merely a rooter last night, cheering for both fighters.

LOUIS ON SIDELINES AFTER 12-YEAR REIGN

At Louis' Dictation

There is not a clear-cut world heavyweight crown at stake, and Chicago's fightdom has responded lethargically to the match which Louis—now director of the International Roxing Club sponsoring the bout—has dictated will be for his vacated title.....It was reported reliably that ticket sales this week end were less than $500,000—far below the $950,000 gate Louis predicted shortly after th cbout was announced months ago. This can be translated into fewer than 10,000 ticket-holding fans.

When Louis won the heavyweight title from James J. Braddock—12 years ago to th eday at the very same arena—45,500 fans paid $715,470 to get ito Comiskey Park.

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By JERRY LISKA
Associated Press Sports Writer

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Ezzard Charles, cautious 27-year-old puncher from Cincinnati, won the NBA version of the world's heavyweight championship last night by outboxing Jersey Joe Walcott over 15 rounds in Chicago Tue. 6-23-49

Charles was decidedly in command, the decision was unanimous, and it becoming little more than a matter of whether the Referee Dave Miller scoring it in favor of Charles, 77-73, and both treating 35-year-old Walcott was judges ruling on Ezzard's side going to escape a knockout. by 78-72.

A crowd of 25,932 persons was present at Comiskey Park for the bout—not a particularly fast one—which was to determine a successor to the heavyweight throne abdicated recently by Joe Louis. Tue. 6-23-49

Then the seventh round on,

Charles has been established as early 7 to 5 favorite.

The bet makers apparently are riding with the youth of the 27-year-old Cincinnatian and overlooking the performance of the 35-year-old Walcott in two meetings with Louis.

Jersey Joe, who will outweigh Charles approximately 194 pounds to 182, had enough zing in his walk-away-and-slug-suddenly attack to knock Louis down three times. He all but upset the Brown Bomber in their first tangle at New York, Dec. 5, 1947.

New York Dissents

Wednesday night's bout lacks the blessing as a wold title affair of the New York State Athletic Commission, which claims the N. B. A. had no business allowing Louis to rule that his abdicated crown will be up for grabs between Walcott and Charles. 6-19-49

Be that as it may, the scrap at the baseball home of the Chicago White Sox marks the first time that any heavyweight bout of world, or near-world title description has been contested, without Louis a particant, since June 22, 1937.

Walcott, who has ben fighting professionally since 1930, and Charles, a sudden graduate from the lightheavy ranks, will evenly divide 50 per cent of the net take, including television and radio rights.

Charles takes against Walcott a record of 63 victories in 69 professional fights, mainly in the lightheavy and middleweight divisions. He has knocked out 39 foes, including Sam Baroudi, a young Akron, Ohio, boxer, who died after a flailing by Charles a year and a half ago at the Chicago Stadium.

His biggest buildup in a claim for heavyweight recognition came in knockouts of the 210-pound Joe Baksi and 214-pound Johnny Haynes, along with admiration of his punching skill voiced by Louis when Joe still was champion.

Then, last February, Charles took a decision frdm fancy-punching Joe Maxim, who now claims the "American lightheavyweight title" after a recent win over Lesnevich.

Jersey Joe Pronounced Fit, Ready

Chicago Daily Tribune

BY ROBERT CROMIE

The transition from the tree-shaded lawns of his training camp at Peaceful Valley farm near Momence to the arc lights in Comiskey park and the roar of thousands of kill hungry night fans is a jarring one. But Jersey Joe Walcott figures to make it tomorrow night without trouble.

Felix Bocchicchio, the moody Camdenite who manages the Jersey bouncer, said yesterday he never has seen the 35 year old Walcott in as good a frame of mind as he is for his heavyweight championship bout with Ezzard Charles, 27 year old Cincinnati puncher. 6-2-49

Walcott Pleases Manager

Even tho Walcott failed to impress visiting eastern sports writers Sunday as he loafed thru four rounds with Richard Hagan, former International Golden Gloves heavyweight king, and Tommy Merrill, slim light heavyweight, Felix was pleased.

"All he was told to do was slip their punches," Bocchicchio explained. "He's in shape and hitting well."

Bocchicchio, who is said to have wagered virtually his entire end of the purse on a Walcott victory, says Jersey Joe's left, which has been stressed in every workout, is a definitely stronger weapon than it was against Louis. The power of Walcott's right, which three times hammered Louis to the canvas, never has been questioned. 6-2-49

Joe Eases Up Today

Walcott confined his conditioning yesterday to road work and light calisthenics and will do just enough today to maintain the fine pitch to which he presumably has been strung. He and his party will leave for Chicago and the prefight weighing-in ceremonies at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

A pro-Walcott delegation from Camden (Walcott's home town) already is on hand, and others are due to arrive in time to slide into those ringside seats before the bell for the first round.

Four of Joe's sisters are here, all of whom pick him to win in eager chorus, and such civic lights as City Commissioner Edward Garrity, County Prosecutor M. H. Cohen, Municipal Judge John Di Mona, and Deputy Mayor Angelo Malandra. Mayor George Bruner is expected later, and so is the pride of Orange—Tony Galento the Jersey beer barrel—who picks Walcott by a knockout.

Exhibition Tour Planned

Bocchicchio says that if Walcott wins there will be an exhibition tour, to start within a couple of weeks, for which there already have been demands. He also promised that if the title comes to Walcott the latter will put on a benefit exhibition in the Kankakee area, proceeds to go to the most needy charity in the region, in return for the many kindnesses shown by the people of Momence and Kankakee.

ALBERT Barnett

Champion Prize Fighters Make Ring History

Phila Ledger Sunday 4-10

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A FINAL PHYSICAL CHECK-UP BEFORE THEY MET IN RING

Dr. Vincent Nardiello examining Ike Williams as Kid Gavilan looks on The New York Time

CUBAN OUTPOINTS LIGHTWEIGHT KING

Gavilan Scores Over Williams in Ten-Round Non-Title Battle at Garden

BROOKLYN BOXER EXCELS

Murphy Halts Castrilli After 30 Seconds of 3d Stanza—Zuleuta, Fusco Win

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Kid Gavilan, Cuban boxer, defeated Ike Williams of Trenton, N. J., holder of the world lightweight crown, on points in a ten-round non-title bout at Madison Square Garden last night.

A crowd of 15,000 was present. Williams weighed 140½, Gavilan 145¼.

The referee was Ruby Goldstein. The judges were Harold Barnes and Arthur Schwartz.

zIn the opening session Gavilan, with effective use of his famous "bolo" punch, ripped home to Williams' body repeatedly with punishing rights. Gavilan carried the action until near the bell. He backed Williams into a neutral corner and hammered the champion severely with a volley of lefts and rights to the face.

Williams' wicked body smashes hurt Gavilan in the second. Rights thudded home to Gavilan's heart until the Cuban clinched. At close quarters Williams pounded the body with both hands, Gavilan fighting back grimly, but missing many punches.

Rivals in Brisk Exchange

Williams opened the third with a flurry of rights to the head and jaw, seeking a knockout. He was surprised when Gavilan responded with a volley of left hooks to the face which swept Williams to the ropes. Forcing the champion across the ring, Gavilan shook Williams with a right to the jaw which sent the champion into a clinch.

They came out fighting furiously, slamming away at the head and body indiscriminately, Williams landing cleaner and oftener with his short-arm hooks and slashes, producing a swelling about Gavilan's left eye with two sharp rights to the head.

Kaufman Victor in Fifth

Johnny Kaufman, Rochester, N. Y., welterweight, hammered George La Rover, Philadelphia, into submission in five rounds of the scheduled eight-round semi-final. Referee Eddie Joseph stopped this struggle after 2 minutes 41 seconds of the fifth. The result gave Kaufman his twelfth knockout in nineteen engagements.

Kaufman never left the issue in doubt. He was the aggressor from the outset, plying La Rover with rights and lefts in the open fighting and punishing the body with both hands at close quarters.

Kaufman banged a succession of rights to La Rover's temple and jaw in the fifth, the Philadelphian sagging against the ropes. There, Kaufman was pummeling his foe furiously when Referee Joseph stepped between them. Kaufman weighed 144¾ pounds, La Rover 143½.

Billy Murphy, young Brooklyn lightweight, stamped himself a promising candidate for consideration among title challengers when he knocked out Lou Castrilli, Bronx boxer, in the third round of their scheduled six-round bout.

The finish came after thirty seconds of the third round when Referee Georgie Abrams mercifully stepped between the combatants to save Castrilli from further punishment. Murphy weighed 133½, Castrilli 134.

Zuleuta Defeats Joyce

Orlando Zuleuta, Cuban protégé of Kid Chocolate, made a spectacular success of his local ring debut in the first of the six-round battles, hammering out a decision over Lou Joyce, Gary, Ind., lightweight.

A stablemate of Kid Gavilan, Zuleuta showed flashes of the Kid Chocolate of another generation, with the fiery method of his attack, his shiftiness, ability to hit from any angle and absolute indifference to the punches of his foe.

From the opening bell it was a slugging match. For the greater part of the distance the rivals were head-to-head, punching away with both hands. When respite came, it was provoked by Joyce, who, at times, sought surcease in clinches from the steady two-fisted firing of the doughty little Cuban.

Zuleuta's work held a consistency, too, that contrasted to the spurts of Joyce, who, though buffeted about with a variety of lefts and rights to the head, face and body, nevertheless fought back grimly, trying unsuccessfully to return the Cuban's fire.

Joyce Presses Attack

Joyce repeatedly reached the jaw with sharp rights and lefts, but Zuleuta ripped in against the blows unharmed, eager only to press home his attack.

Zuleuta weighed 134 pounds, Joyce 135½.

Rocco Fusco, promising Staten Island featherweight, won his twelfth straight battle as the program opened, gaining a four-round decision over Johnny Graham, Paterson, N. J. The battle and the verdict met with the approval of the crowd.

Fusco conceded height and reach, as well as weight, to his rival, but his superb boxing earned him the honors in convincing fashion. Graham was handicapped somewhat by a severe cut over the right eye through the last half of the struggle. Fusco weighed 127¼ pounds and Graham 131¾.

Sal Belloise, younger brother of Steve, boxed his way to the decision over Joe Cartagena, Brooklyn, in a four-round bout. Belloise weighed 160½ pounds and Cartagena 155½.

Ike Gavilan Fight Tonight

New York, March 31 (AP)—Ike Williams, lightweight champion, and Kid Gavilan, Cuban welterweight contender, meet tomorrow night in a 10-round bout that will put the three officials in the spotlight along with the fighters.

Solid, sharp-punching Ike is a 5 to 8 choice to win the Madison Square Garden "rubber" bout and become the top challenger for Welterweight Champion Ray Robinson's crown.

A capacity crowd of 18,000 paying $90,000 is expected for the non-title affair.

In line for the victor is a possible outdoor championship match with Robinson, or a good claim of weight-making difficulties.

The officials won't be named until the two main-go pugilists step into the ring at 10 p. m. This is according to the rules of the New York State Athletic Commission.

If the script follows that of the first two thrillers, the three "unknowns" will be in for an exciting evening. Officials have moved into the limelight in this town since Commission Chairman Eddie Eagan indefinitely suspended Judge Harold Barnes and Referee Harry Ebbets after last week's Jake La Motta, Robert Villemain fight.

Williams and Gavilan split in their first two encounters, Williams taking the initial contest, a little more than a year ago and Gavilan the return, last January 28. Both were big betting fights as is this one.

The total votes of the officials for both fights added up to 28 for Williams, 26 for Gavilan and six even.

Army-Navy Stag

Army-Navy Golf and Country Club holds a stag for all its male members April 14 in the men's grill at 6:30 p. m. A buffet dinner will be served at 7 p. m. and a general golf meeting will take place afterward.

Yeah, It's Ike Williams!

It may be hard to believe, but that's Ike Williams grinning like that. The lightweight champion, long one of the "deadest pans" of the boxing game, flashes a wholesome smile after receiving the Edward J. Neil trophy, honoring him as the "fighter of the year" of 1948. Award was made by the N.Y. Boxing Writers Association last week.

County Center Wednesday, George Lafalgio and Beppe Colasanti, Italian importation, meet at Sunnyside Garden, and Joe Baksi opposes Maynard Jones in a ten at Newark's Mosque Theater Thursday. Gaby Ferland, Montreal welterweight, and Vinnie Rossano are matched at Ridgewood Grove Saturday.

Eddie Eagan's Solomonesque judgment on L'affaire LaMotta will be handed down today following a closed commission session. The boxing chairman can't give Robert Villemain an amended decision without fracturing his stated policy, but he evidently intends to tell the world tha wo of his officials—Harold Barnes and Harry Ebbets, pulled a beaut in voting LaMotta the winner last Friday.

HONORED AS 'FIGHTER OF THE YEAR'

Ike Williams, lightweight champion, receiving the Edward J. Neil Memorial Plaque from Nat Fleischer, editor of Ring Magazine, in ceremonies held here last night. The New York Times

Williams Holds Hard Workout For Kid Gavilan

Lightweight Champion Puts In Sparring Session for Garden Bout on Friday

By Jesse Abramson

Ike Williams, world lightweight champion, put in a strenuous stint of sparring at his Pompton Lakes, N. J., training camp yesterday preparatory to undergoing a test of his physical fitness by Dr. Vincent Nardiello today.

"He will be right," said Blinky Palermo, his manager. "I wouldn't let him go into the ring if he wasn't."

Williams's third and rubber meeting with Kid Gavilan, Cuban welterweight, over the ten-round route in Madison Square Garden Friday marks the highlight of the week in local boxing. The bout, originally scheduled two weeks ago, was put off when Ike developed an aching right arm. due to an inflammation that has disappeared. Williams shows no sign of favoring his right in his workouts.

Postponements usually damage the gate, but in this instance, with some $60,000 in the till, the bout is expected to approach a sellout of about $80,000.

There was approximately five pounds in Gavilan's favor in the two previous bouts, but the margin will be doubled this time if Gavilan scales 148 and Williams 138 as indicated. They are meeting under a 147-pound contract with no private agreements as to weight. Gavilan won in their last outing, a real photo decided by cards of 5-4-1, 5-4-1, and 4-4-2.

Roy Carter, Bronx welter, boasting a high knockout average, faces Chico Varona, of Havana, in the eight-round feature at St. Nicholas Arena tonight. Eastern Parkway continues its program of three eights, headed by Johnny Dell and Willie Beltram. At Laurel Garden, Newark, Henry Jordan meets Charley Williams. In Montreal Beau Jack and Johnny Greco are meeting for the fifth time.

Joe Petrovich and Bobby Rosado, lightweights, head the Broadway Arena card tomorrow. Patrick O'Connor, Irish middleweight, unbeaten in this country, is paired with Don Youvella at Westchester

he hoped to stage a substitute bout and was negotiating for another main event attraction to save, at least, part of that big boxoffice take already "in."

Ike Offers Robinson 60 Gs for Title Go

Following on the heels of Ray Robinson's expressed desire to clear $60,000 for himself in the next defense of his welterweight title, lightweight champion Ike Williams yesterday posted a $5,000 check with the Philadelphia Athletic Commission by way of guaranteeing Robinson 60-Gs to defend against Ike this summer.

Fahk Palumbo and Blinky Palermo, co-managers of Williams who meets Kid Gavilan Friday night at the Garden, left the check with Philly Commissioner Leonard Raines yesterday as evidence of good faith in promising Robinson the $60,000 guarantee.

According to the champ's managers, the guarantee is not restricted to any particular fight site. They are willing to hold the fight in Philly, New York or any other big-city boxing center, be-it Williams hurt himself in sparring at Pompton yesterday and caused no end of moaning in front offices.

Williams was working out with Doug Ratford when he pulled a muscle in his right shoulder. 20th Century's Harry Markson said late last night that

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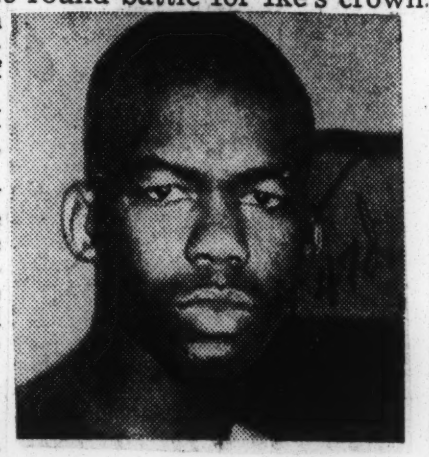
Williams To Fight Bolanos Tonight

By BOB MYERS

Los Angeles, July 20 (AP)—Bristling statements of confidence emerged today from the rival boxing camps of lightweight champion Ike Williams and challenger Enrique Bolanos on the eve of their 15-round battle for Ike's crown.



Boldest prediction came from the champion's mouthpiece, Manager Frank "Blinky" Palermo of Philadelphia, who said:

"It will be a hard fight but I think Ike will knock him out, inside of 10 rounds."

Countered George "the Gray Greek" Parnassus, pilot of the lad from Mexico City: "Enrique is in perfect shape. He is confident of winning. We won the title a year ago, in our book, and we'll win it dead to rights tomorrow night."

Lost Split Decision.

Parnassus referred to the 15-round split decision awarded the Trenton, N. J., title-holder, in their match last year. Referee Charley Randolph gave the nod to Bolanos but the two judges tabbed Williams the winner.

Third man in the ring at Wrigley Field tomorrow night will be the old Manassa mauler, Jack Dempsey.

Matchmaker Charles MacDonald waxed optimistic about the success of the show. He expected a turnout of 18,000 to 20,000 fans.

He thinks it will gross past the $100,000 mark and might approach the $153,000 the pair drew last year.

Postponement from the original May 26 date, when Williams came up with a shoulder ailment, and subsequent indecision about a new date unquestionably hurt the attraction.

Official promoters of the bout are comedians Lou Costello and Bud Abbott. Profits will go toward lifting an $83,000 mortgage they say is on the Costello Youth Foundation, East Los Angeles recreation center.

Ike Williams

This is the third setto for the fighters. In April, 1946, Williams stopped the then fresh young kid from Mexico in eight rounds.

Since then, Bolanos has not been beaten except in last year's rematch with Ike. Since the last Bolanos brawl, Williams is unbeaten in his own division. He dropped two decisions to welterweight Kid Gavilan.

Ike Williams

Williams And Dawson At It Again In Week's Top Bout

New York, Dec. 4 (AP)—Boxing booms this week with a lightweight title scrap, another Joe Louis appearance, a non-title showing of middleweight champion Jake Lamotta, and a Clevelad card featuring Rocky Graziano.

Ike Williams, the lightweight king from Trenton, N. J. risks his title for the fourth time in Philadelphia's Convention Hall Monday night against Freddie Dawson of Chicago in a 15-rounder.

It will be the fourth meeting of Williams and Dawson. Jolting Ike kayoed Dawson in fur in 1944, drew with him in 10 in '46 and then won a disputed ten over the Windy City lad a year ago.

Louis, the retired heavyweight boss, steps into another ten-rounder in Chicago's Stadium Wednesday night against long-haired Pat Valentino of San Francisco. It will be a no-decision affair.

LaMotta Scheduled

LaMotta, making his first start since he won the 160-pound crown from the late Marcel Cerdan last june, faces France's Robert Villemain in a return 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

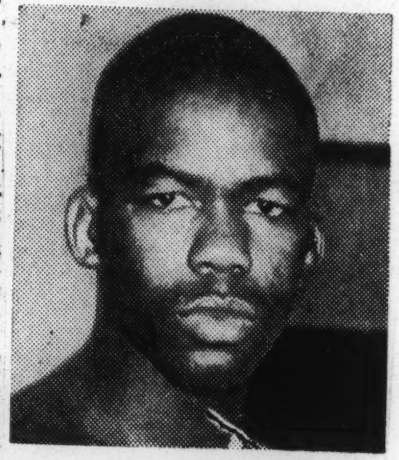
This bustling little Frenchman whipped Jake in the Garden last March 25 but LaMotta was awarded s split decision victory. The decision so incensed Eddie Egan, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, that he suspended the two officials who voted for LaMotta.

Graziano, the rough New York middleweight contender, will be making one of his infrequent out-of-town visits Tuesday when he headlines the Cleveland News Toyshop Fund program in the arena.

Rocky vs. Horne

Rocky is slated to go ten or less with Sonny Horne of Valley Stream, N. Y. The bang-up Cleveland card features another top ten for the N.B.A. junior lightweight championship between Sandy Saddler, sharp-punching former featherweight titleholder from New York, and the classy Orlando Zuleta, Cuban lightweight boss.

Other name fighters listed for action during the week include



Ike Williams

Defends Title Tonight

middleweights Tommy Yarosz heavyweight Lee Oma, light-heavyweights Harold Johnson and Bert Lytell, welterweight Bernie Docusen and exlightweight champion Lew Jenkins.

Negro Boxer Gets Orders to Apologize

Philadelphia, Dec. 7 (AP)—For yelling "fix" and then admitting he didn't know the source of the charge, Lightweight Champion Ike Williams today was fined $500 by the Pennsylvania Athletic commission for actions detrimental to boxing.

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Wants Close Friend's Name

Commission Chairman George Jones, in an open hearing today, prodded Williams to name the close friend who had given him the "fix" information.

Again and again Williams insisted "I don't know who phoned me. He wouldn't tell me his name and I didn't recognize the voice."

Jones urged Williams to "tell the ruth, the whole truth."

And the champion repeated this story he had given newsmen:

"Someone called me in my hotel room as I was preparing to take a nap," Williams said. "He claimed to be a good friend of mine and told me I needed to knock out Dawson if I was to win. I kept asking who was calling but the guy wouldn't say. He said he'd see me in the dressing room after the fight."

Statement Upsets Jones

So far, Williams told the commission, none of his friends admitted making the telephone call.

That upset Jones who shouted angrily:

"Do you know what I think, Ike? You were looking for a place to hang your hat, so if Mr. Dawson won a decision you could yell fix."

Williams, a tiny [illegible] over his left eye the only visible mark of the bout, started to mumble a reply, but his manager, Frank [Blinky] Palermo broke in to "express our apologies."

"The boy was very nervous, a mental wreck," Palermo said. "The telephone call had upset him and he was worried and anxious to avoid another Rocky Graziano case.

Cites Graziano Case

"You know Graziano kept quiet about a 'fix' until after the fight and then got into a lot of hot water."

Palermo told the commission he urged Williams to "forget about the telephone call."

"It's an old trick in the fight game, just to get you on edge in hopes you won't be at your peak in the ring," the manager said.

Jones wanted to know why Williams didn't get in touch with the commission first hand instead of giving the story to the newspapers.

Already Under Suspension

Williams said, "I tried to but my trainer and secretary couldn't locate any of the commissioners."

"I was at ringside the entire evening," Jones remarked.

Williams, incidentally, is under suspension by the National Boxing association—of which Pennsylvania is a member—for failing to fulfill a fight contract in California.

The N. B . A. permitted Williams to fight Dawson since the bout in Philadelphia was signed before the suspension went into effect.

Dawson Gains Betting Support

Williams had been a 12 to 5 betting favorite to beat Dawson in early fight forecasts, but Monday the odds dropped as low as 7½ to 5 with plenty of support for Dawson.

Williams had fought Dawson three times previously, winning twice and earning a draw.

Judges Frank Knaresborough and Harry Lasky each scored eight rounds for Williams and seven for Dawson Monday night. Referee Charley Daggert rated Williams by a 9-6 margin.

"FIX" FIZZLES

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Jackie Wilson goes home to retire

Sat. 12-17-49

CLEVELAND — Jackie Wilson, world's second-best welterweight (next to Ray Robinson) for almost 10-years, announced his retirement from the ring here in his hometown last week, according to the Cleveland Call & Post.

Wilson came back here last October, after putting in most of his years as fighter in California. Now employed as a boxing instructor by the Cleveland Municipal Recreation dept., Wilson fought his last fight here Oct. 25, losing a 10-rounder to Kid Dykes.

Since starting out in 1936 as an amateur champ under Whiz Bang Carter, former manager and trainer of Jimmy Bivins, Wilson has had 140-odd fights, and won all but a few. In 1936, he won the Chicago Golden Gloves and made the Olympic team, but was beaten in Berlin by Ulgerico Sergio, of Italy, in a much disputed decision. In a rematch, Jackie won easily in 10 rounds in Madison Square Gardens. Soon after he turned pro and fought his way up to the top, losing only to "Sugar" Ray Robinson and middleweight Jake LaMotta once up there.

Here with Wilson are his wife and daughter. They live at 6004 Ensign ave.

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LOCKED OUT BY ABC!

Mar. 1-3-49

THE YOUNG LADY above, Miss Marilyn Polley, was one of the outstanding keglers in a CIO bowling tourney sponsored by Local 65 last year. But Miss Polley, being both Negro and a woman, can't enter any American Bowling Congress tournaments because of the infamous "caucasian" clause in the ABC constitution which bars all but "male whites only." The ABC's annual Jimcrow tournament is scheduled soon for Atlantic City. Trade unions and all progressive organizations are beginning to flood the ABC offices demanding its Jimcrow clause be stricken out. At the same time, they are urging New Jersey Governor Driscoll to bar the ABC tourney from Atlantic City unless the bowling moguls open the alleys to all qualified keglers, regardess of the color of their skin. There's a Jersey state law on the statute books making discrimination in public places illegal. 1-3-49

ABC Jimcro OKd By A. C. Mayor

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New York. N.Y. 1-7-49

Dollars are far more important than democracy to the Mayor of Atlantic City. Labor groups demanding the ouster of the Jimcrow American Bowling Congress tourney from the resort city, were yesterday told by Mayor Altman that it couldn't be done.

Why? Because **"it would cause irreparable damage."** What sort of damage? **"The ABC could sue the city for millions of dollars,"** if the tournament is banned, said Altman.

New York. N.Y.

Isn't that a lulu? Of the state anti-discrimination law in Jersey supposedly making discrimination in public places unlawful, Mayor Altman had not a word to say. It's not "damaging" to violate a law on the statute books. But it is damaging to enforce that law against an organization whose "male whites only" clause is a national scandal in sports. Tri. 1-7-49

American Bowling Congress

The ABC tourney doesn't open at Convention Hall until Feb. 12. Altman's willy-nilly answer should only serve to heighten the labor campaign against the ABC. Trade unions are beginning to flood Gov. Driscoll's office demanding he keep the ABC out of Atlantic City if the bowling moguls don't open their doors to all keglers regardless of color. The "caucasion" clause not only affects Negro bowlers, but applies to qualified American players of Chinese, Japanese, Filipino and Hawaiian birth or parentage.

Yesterday the CIO Furniture Workers, Local 76-B, added its voice to the growing protest campaign. In a wire to Governor Driscoll in the State Capitol, Trenton, New Jersey, the furniture workers said:

"Demand American Bowling Congress end its discrimination against Negroes, or keep the National bowling tournament out of Atlantic City on Feb. 12. Further demand doors be opened to all bowlers regardless of race or creed."

Group Votes "No" For Third Time

ABC Continues Bar On Colored Bowlers

Laurence Gaude 47e

Sat 3-19-49

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(NNPA)—The executive directors of the American Bowling Congress voted last Wednesday to keep the ABC lily-white.

Norfolk Va.

For the third straight year, the directors called on delegates to the ABC convention to reject an amendment that would delete the words "individuals of the white male race" from the membership eligibility rule in the constitution of the congress.

The amendment was proposed by the Rev. Charles Carow, of the Catholic Youth Organization Bowling League, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Neil C. King, of Indianapolis, a former ABC president, made the motion to recommend rejection of the amendment by the delegates. King's motion was passed without a dissenting voice.

The Rev. M. S. Wasniewski, a Catholic priest, Denmark, Wis., is a member of the 63-man board. He said Thursday he would refrain from voting on the question.

DIRECTORS RESIST PRESSURE

The directors took their action despite heavy pressure in favor of Father Carow's amendment. ABC officers and the directors listened to please from officials of the State of New Jersey; the Congress of Industrial Organizations of N. J.; the CIO, United Auto Workers, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Japanese-American Citizens League, the National Labor Service, the Anti-Defamation League, the National Committee for Fair Play in Bowling and the American Veterans Committee.

Father Carow said CYO groups in major cities also wrote the ABC, voicing protests against the restrictive clause in the constitution.

Representatives of all the groups, except the CYO, picked the ABC Tournament now in progress in Convention Hall on its opening day, Feb. 23. The pickets demonstrated for more than a hour. A spokesman said further action would be taken depending on how the convention votes.

WARNING ISSUED

The board's action followed a warning earlier in the day by Joseph L. Bustard, assistant commissioner of education in New Jersey, "that failure to lift the restriction against colored bowlers may result in legislation to deny the ABC the right to ever again sponsor a bowling league of tournment in New Jersey."

Bustard who said he was here at the request of Governor Driscoll told the directors that such action has already been suggested to him by a member of the State Legislature.

Father Carow told the directors the membership clause is a "direct violation of the Christian philosophy," which holds that all men are equal.

Racial discrimination is not only an offense against justice and charity," he said, "but also a refusal to accept the doctrine of the Christian faith."

TOURNAMENTS ARE CONTESTS

Father Carow declared the ABC tournaments are sports contests "and American champions should be champions of all people not just a part of them."

He said the restrictive clause was inserted in the ABC constitution in 1916 "in an atmosphere of racial tension." Such tension no longer exists, he added. He pointed out the colored people comprise 10 percent of the American population today as against 20 percent 150 years ago.

Bustard said: "There is no question in my mind that while the present policy of the American Bowling Congress stands, any attempt to organize high school bowling in this state in line with the present policy of the American Bowling Congress would be a violation of our State Constitution."

He said the State's Constitution bars discrimination by race, color or creed. AA 3-19-49

"Certainly," he said in closing, "voluntary action on the part of this ABC convention would be much better solution to the problem than one that has already been suggested to me by a member of the present New Jersey Legislature, namely, corrective legislation that would perhaps result in the denial of the right of the American Bowling Congress to ever again sponsor a bowling league of a tournament in the State of New Jersey."

PEARL BUCK REBUKES BOWLING CONGRESS JIM-CROW POLICY

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California Voice

NEW YORK, March 28—Pearl S. Buck, noted author and chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union's Committee on Ethnic relations, addressed a letter to Lester C. Boston, president of the bowling group, asking that its practices be brought up to date, and in harmony with the liberal inter-racial policy of organized baseball.

The bowling congress has been reported, as voting "to keep the A. B. C. white—man's organization," Miss Buck pointed out that 16 thereby for the third straight year, states prohibit discrimination in rejecting an amendment that would places of amusement, including bowldelete the words "individuals of the ing alleys. white male race" from its constitution.

ABC Negro

Chicago Defender

ATLANTIC CITY — The American Bowling Congress stuck by its un-American practice of barring Negroes, Mexicans and Orientals from its bowling meets Friday, March 11.

Delegates to the congress shouted down for the third straight year the proposal to delete the qualification "white male" from its eligibility clause. The action followed by a day, the recommendation of the board of directors to keep the lilywhite bars up.

During the tournament at Atlantic City, while the ABC was under pressure from labor, race harmony and liberal groups, the directors announced that they would take up the question at the next session. As a result, the pressure lessened.

The ABC directors made good their promise to take up the question, but they urged the membership to remain Jim Crow. The membership did, for the third straight time.

On the losing side was Father Charles Carow of the CYO Bowling League of Brooklyn. He was opposed by Neil C. King of Indianapolis, a former president of the ABC, who moved to reject any amendment.

Rev. M. S. Wasniewski, a Catholic priest from Denmark, Wis., who serves on the ABC board, said he would not vote on the issue. In opposing the democratic change, ABC members also turned their backs on officials of the state, who requested that the rule be changed.

Rutgers Issues Threat to Quit Playing South Over Negro Ban

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Feb. 1 (AP).—Rutgers University threatened today to sever athletic relations with Southern schools, as a result, an official said, of a Negro basketball star being denied hotel rooms with the rest of the team in Baltimore.

George E. Little, athletic director, said the hotel refused to permit William (Bucky) Hatchett, football, track and basketball star, to stay with the team when Rutgers played Johns Hopkins Jan. 14.

He said Rutgers now plans to "prevent recurrence" by "limiting our competition to teams in the northern area of the United States."

Little said if Southern schools want to play Rutgers "on a democratic basis," he will demand insurance that the team can be housed together.

Hatchett poured through twenty-eight points as Rutgers set down the Baltimore College decisively, 75 to 41. He is a center.

Robert C. Clothier, president of Rutgers, had this to say about the Hatchett incident:

"The university deplores the action taken by a hotel in Baltimore through which one of the students of the university was subjected to discrimination on account of his race.

"Steps have been taken to preclude the possibility of anything of this kind happening in the future."

As Interior, Recreation Meet

Contradictory Racial Policies Snarl Golf Course Situation

The Washington Post
Washington DC
Fri. 3-25-49

By Jack Walsh
Post Reporter

It was obvious yesterday that an almost hopeless impasse between representatives of the Interior Department and District of Columbia Board of Recreation was developing over contradicatory racial policies.

On the surface, a two-hour discussion over control of the local golf courses was conducted in a cozy atmosphere in Assistant Secretary of Interior C. Girard Davidson's office.

In fact, with all parties present, Davidson said, "We had a satisfactory meeting. We've cleared up a lot of misunderstandings and plan more meetings."

But a reporter's questions were brushed aside by Davidson and Harry S. Wender, chairman of the District Recreation Board.

Ignored were the leading ones about the vast difference of opinion on segregation.

On Wednesday, Wender called a press conference to announce an historic step of the recreation board. It voted unanimously to run the golf courses on a nonsegregated basis if it were given control of them. And that marked the first time in the board's seven-year history that a formal stand had been taken on the heretofore touchy issue.

Interior's reaction was quick. Speaking for the department yesterday, Carlton Skinner, public relations director, said, "The action of the board is all right as far as it goes, but it doesn't go far enough to meet the situation."

Skinner was referring to the fact that most of the Recreation Board's activities are segregated.

Skinner elaborated by saying, "Mr. Davidson meant that unless the board compiles fully and completely with the civil rights program, the parks office would not be in a position to discuss turning over the golf courses to it."

On Wednesday, Wender anticipated this stand by Interior. He made it plain that the board's action of nonsegregation related only to the golf courses.

There appears to be little chance that the Recreation Board will alter its policy. Wender stated that while he personally was in favor of the complete abolishment of segregation in the District, he firmly believed in proceeding slowly.

Mrs. Alice Hunter, lone Negro member of the Recreation Board, said yesterday, "I would like to see our segregation policies abandoned immediately. I think the law as it now stands calls for abolition. Please realize, though, that mine is a minority opinion."

Asked if she had any support on the board, Mrs. Hunter said she had some.

Investigation Welcomed

Actually the golf course issue fades into insignificance if the entire battle for recreational control is considered. For instance, in dispute is the right to run 62 recreation areas in the city.

On the golf matter alone yesterday, the special Public Lands Subcommittee investigating it announced public hearings will start 10 a. m. Tuesday.

S. G. Leoffler, concessionaire since 1921, is expected to be one of the first witnesses called.

Irving C. Root, superintendent of National Capital Parks, which directly supervises the municipal courses, said, "We welcome any fair, unbiased investigation."

Chairman Wender added, "I feel that a full investigation will accomplish good."

And Ray Alvis, still working furiously to try to land the concessions contract for a Cleveland company, appeared overjoyed at the news of the start of the hearings.

Alvis exclaimed, "That's wonderful. We'll really get the whole thing before the public now. Maybe, they'll be able to learn where the body lies."

D. C. Golf Talks Hit Snag Again Over Racial Issue

The Washington Post
Washington D.C.
Fri. 3-25-49

Battle for control of the public golf courses between the Interior Department and D. C. Board of Recreation apparently was developing into an almost hopeless impasse yesterday over contradictory racial policies.

The groups met yesterday and the board's proposal to operate the courses on a nonsegregated basis if given control brought a retort from Interior that the matter couldn't be discussed until the board abolished segregation for all its activities.

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Admittedly, the action of the Recreation Board referred to golf courses only. There appeared little chance that the board will alter the segregated policy that applies to most of its facilities. (See details on Page B 5).

City May Offer Golf Course For Negroes

Courier Journal
Louisville Ky
Thurs 3-24-49

Standard Club Links May Be Used In 1950

The Standard Club golf links, River Road and Zorn, might be turned over to Negroes in 1950, T. Byrne Morgan said yesterday. Morgan is City director of parks and recreation.

Morgan's statement followed a Court of Appeals ruling upholding segregation at public courses here. This decision will be appealed because the City does not offer "equal facilities" for Negroes, Alfred M. Carroll, Negro attorney, said.

Carroll represents Dr. P. O. Sweeney, Negro dentist, who sued to use the municipal links in 1947.

Planning New Course.

Standard Club members are planning a new course and clubhouse on Brownsboro Road at Barbour Lane, Morgan said. They have a lease on the present course until 1950. Of the present course's 60 acres, 40 are leased from the City-owned Louisville Water Company and 20 from a private individual, Morgan said.

Morgan said he believed that when the lease expires the club could be turned over to Negroes, affording them a clubhouse, golf links, and swimming pool. A Negro syndicate, "Ye Ole Bourbon Club," asked the water company to sell the course for private use in November, 1947, but no action was taken on the request.

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Tennis

Interior Department Acts

Segregation Ordered Lifted On 18 District Tennis Courts

By Elsie Carper
Post Reporter

The Interior Department yesterday told the District Recreation Department to open up 18 segregated tennis courts to joint use by whites and Negroes.

The order was contained in a letter to Recreation Board Harry S. Wender from Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug.

The communication stated the courts at five of the city's recreation areas are on Federal park land, and subject to the Interior Department's policy of nonsegregation.

Courts at four of the areas are designated by the Recreation Board as "white" and at the fifth as "colored."

The "white" courts are located in Anacostia, Garfield, Montrose and Rock Creek Parks, and the "colored" court is at Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway, at Francis Recreation Center.

Wender was told to redesignate the five areas as "open units" and so to list them on permits issued by the Recreation Department.

Krug also asked Wender to submit copies of all 1949 permits which the Recreation Department issues for other activities on Federal park lands. These primarily are for use of picnic areas and baseball and softball fields.

"It is requested," Krugs letter said, "that the issuance of permits for any activity on all unassigned Federal park areas, be administered on a 'first come, first served' basis, without regard to race, creed, color or national origin."

Asked by a reporter for The Washington Post if Krug's statement will affect two swimming pools, the Anacostia and the Francis, located at two of the areas, an Interior Department spokesman said that they already are operated on a nonsegregated basis.

The Anacostia generally is considered as a white pool and the Francis a pool for Negroes. They are run by Government Services, Inc.

An Old Controversy

Krug's letter was the latest development in a running controversy between the Interior Department's policy of biracial use of play areas, or the Recreation Department's segregated program shall prevail.

A dispute over which of the two agencies controls 62 playgrounds purchased by the National Capital Park and Planning Commission with funds borrowed by the District from the Federal Government is now before Attorney General Tom Clark for settlement.

Krug's letter said that none of these areas is involved in the present order. The Interior Department is awaiting the Attorney General's opinion before taking any action on the 62 tracts, Krug said.

Krug to Wender

He did point out to Wender, though, that the Interior Department considers these recreation centers are on Federal park land and that the Recreation Department acts only "as the agent for the Department of the Interior in the issuance of permits."

The Interior Department said that the play areas involved were owned by the Federal Government before the National Capital Park and Planning Commission came into being.

Wender was annoyed when asked for comment on Krug's letter. He said that he had not yet received it.

"It is another instance when the recreation board can only learn of Interior Department action through the press," Wender declared.

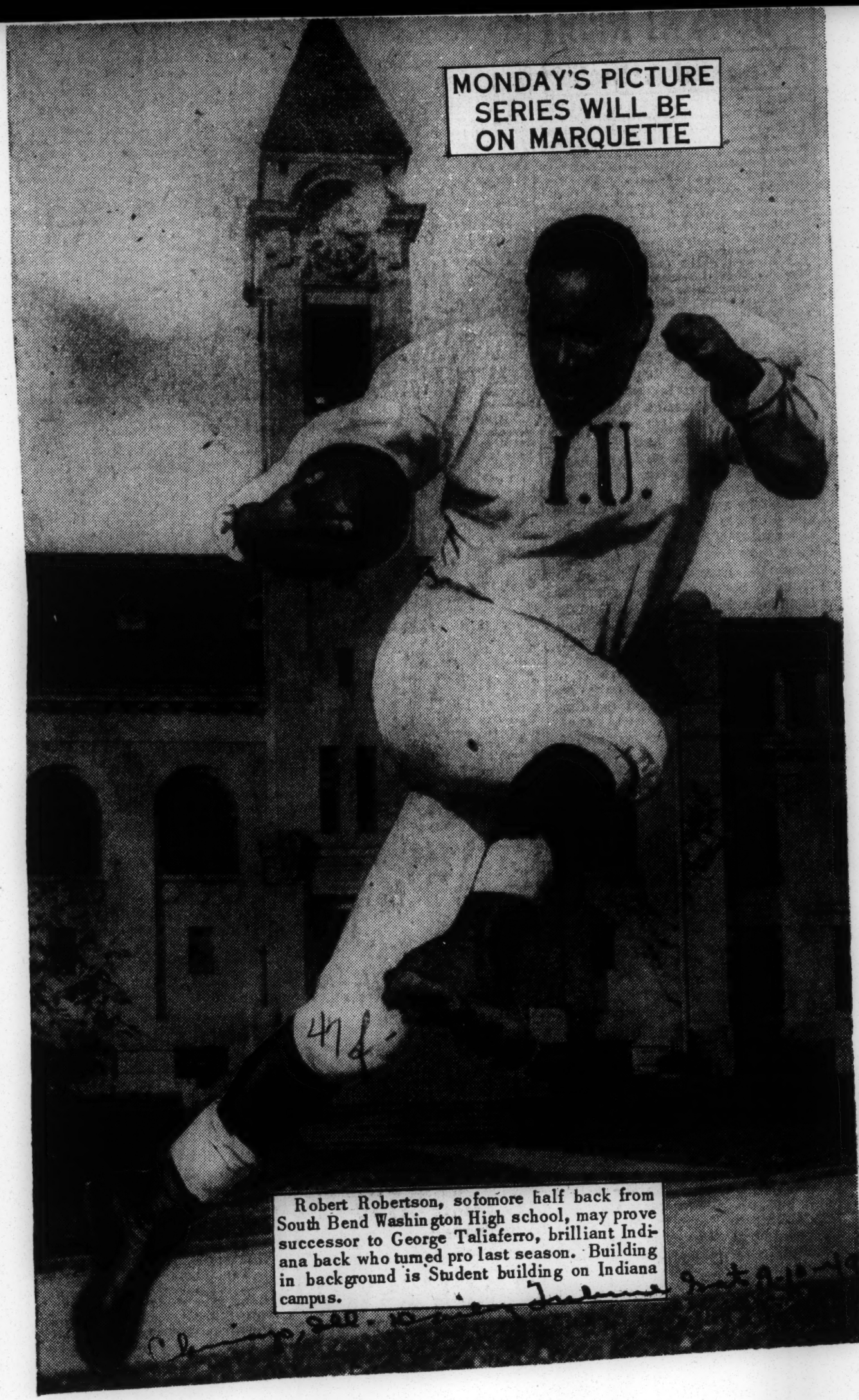
Wender cited two previous instances: When the Interior Department called on the Attorney General to rule that it has jurisdiction over the 62 playgrounds; and Interior's refusal to give the Recreation Department information on its operation of local golf courses.

Milo C. Christiansen, recreation superintendent, said that although racial use of the 18 courts is listed by the Recreation Department on the back of the permits, no effort is made to enforce segregation on Federal land.

He said the Recreation Department is obliged to list by race the five areas mentioned by Krug, since the law setting up the Recreation Department makes it mandatory for the department to follow the recreation plan as outlined by the National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

In the commission's recreation plan, Anacostia, Garfield Park and Montrose Park are listed as "white units" and Francis as a "colored unit," Christiansen said.

The Interior Department participated as a member of the Park and Planning Commission in setting up the plan, he said.



Robert Robertson, sofomore half back from South Bend Washington High school, may prove successor to George Taliaferro, brilliant Indiana back who turned pro last season. Building in background is Student building on Indiana campus.

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Agreed Not to Break South's Lily-White Segregation Policy

By ERNEST (BUTCH) CURRY
(From Louisiana Bureau)

NEW ORLEANS—This is the "story behind the story" of three American boys denied the privilege of playing in an American game with fellow-American players by American officials in an American park in an American city. It involves the controversy centered around last Saturday's football game here in City Park Stadium between the world champion Philadelphia Eagles and the Detroit Lions. Because of Southern lily-white tradition, Detroit's Bob Bann, Mel Groomes, and Wally Triplett were barred from participating.

The interesting part about it is that they were not denied the privilege of participating upon their arrival here before game-time by the promoters of Sports, Inc., a local group sponsoring the affair, but were notified early last July by club officials, who had sanctioned an agreement with Philadelphia officials "not to break Southern tradition."

CUT AND DRIED

The three players told this correspondent they were notified in Denver, Col., that they would be sent back to Detroit when the team comes here. Sports, Inc., had informed The Courier in July that it had no objection to the three players engaging in the game.

With that in mind, Sports, Inc., proceeded to allocate five thousand seats for Negro fans, the first time in over a decade that Negroes were to be admitted to the municipally owned City Park Stadium for an athletic event.

Mann, Groomes and Triplett told the correspondent that when they asked Head Coach Bo McMillin why they weren't making the trip, he told them of the agreement reached with Vincent McNally, business manager of the Eagles, who, when signing the contract, stipulated that neither team would break Southern tradition concerning the color line.

Mann stated disgustedly here, "It was all cut and dried in Denver."

TOLD TO MAKE TRIP

McMillin later informed the trio that they were going to make the trip, then changed his mind and said they weren't going. Twice more, the trio stated, the coach changed his mind, and late Tuesday evening, Aug. 30, before the game they were told to get ready for the trip.

"We had the understanding before we left Chicago that we were not going to play, nor would we take part in any training sessions," Mann stated.

When an attempt was made to get the two clubs' officials and Sports, Inc., in a conference before game time to get the reason behind the trio not being able to play, it met with failure. McMillin related that he would not have time, but gave a statement:

"I know that I am going to be condemned by the Negro press, but you cannot lay the blame on me. If it were up to me, the boys will play, but I am only going by the terms of the agreement, and I can't change it, only the officials can do that."

Sports, Inc., officials quickly absolved themselves, reiterating that they had no objection to the trio playing. There is no law in Louisiana applying to Negroes and whites participating in football, baseball or other games beside boxing, and just last spring, Larry Doby played with Cleveland in an exhibition game in Shreveport.

Southern Pro 11 Hires Negro

RICHMOND, Va.—The Richmond Rebels of the American Football League became the first pro team in the South to break the color line last week, when they signed former Virginia Union halfback star, Frederick T. (Cannonball) Cooper to play in 1949.

This will not be Cooper's first time playing for an interracial team in the South, however. Last year, he played against the Rebels with the Atlantic City Reds in an exhibition. He will play against the Reds, Sept. 3, in another exhibition tilt.

During the off season, Cooper, 28, teaches at the Maggie L. Walker high school in Richmond.

PIGSKIN HUDDLE:

Heavy and Rapid Turnover Among Tan Aces on Pro Elevens of Both Leagues

(By Associated Negro Press)

Colored stars are being added to or lopped off pro football squads so fast one cannot tell who's where these days.

Last week the New York-Brooklyn Yankees of the All America conference dropped Tom Casey, former Hampton flash. Casey, seemingly, could not adjust to the T-formation fast enough to keep up with the other backs.

Buddy Young, who played the T at Illinois, is expected to have his best pro year with the Yankees. Alva Tabor and Sherman Howard, quarterback and fullback, respectively, at Nevada last year, are still on the squad. They played the T, also.

Rams Release Phillips

The Los Angeles Rams of the National League dropped Willie Phillips, but still retains Paul (Tank) Younger from Grambling College and Willie Steele of San Deigo, the broad jump star.

Although the Chicago Hornets dropped James Bass, they still have Paul Patterson of Illinois and James (Ol' Dude) Bailey. Both men still must remain on their toes because the Hornets still have four men to dismiss.

Emlen Tunnell evidently will be a double duty back this year with the New York Giants. He will play both offense and defense. In the team's first exhibition of the season he returned a punt 31 yards to start his team to its only touchdown. The Giants lost to the Green Bay Packers, 14 to 7.

Harris With Bulldogs

Elmore Harris is still with the New York Bulldogs . . . For the Detroit Lions, rookie Wally Triplett from Penn State is proving to be a very reliable back. He will play along with veterans Bob Mann at end and back Mel Groomes.

In the National League the Cardinals and Bears of Chicago, the Philadelphia Eagles, the Green Bay Packers, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and the Washington Redskins have no colored players.

In the All-American conference, the Baltimore Colts is the only team with no colored players. The Cleveland Browns have Marion Motley, Bill Willis, and Horace Gillom from last year . . . The San Francisco 49ers have Bob Mike and Joe Perry.

Taliaferro Promising

The Los Angeles Dons have George Taliaferro who promises to be one of the best rookies in the game; John Brown, rumbling center, and Len Ford, rugged end.

In pro minor leagues, the Jersey City Giants of the American League have signed Wendell Berry of Lincoln and James Nelson of Morgan, and the Richmond Rebels of the same circuit have signed Fred (Cannonball) Cooper of Virginia Union.

On the major college front, Purdue will have a colored player on its varsity for the first time in its history. Herman Murray, former high school star from Crispus Attucks in Indianapolis, has been invited to practice with the team. He will be in the running for first string tackle.

A sophomore, Murray was captain of his high school team in 1947 . . . Benjamin Johnson, who graduated cum laude with Murray, is making good at Butler. Last year he was captain of the school's freshman squad.

Back Bill Willis is returning to the Illinois squad this year.

2 Colored Gridders Play Against White N.C. Team

Staff Correspondence

HIGH POINT, N. C.—The use of two colored football players against the High Point College eleven here last Thursday night set a precedent among North Carolina Colleges as the locals trounced over Pope Field 107-0.

Still another precedent was the score of the game itself which sets a modern scoring record.

The two colored players were Willie J. Small, 168-pound end from Wilmington, N. C., and Sanford A. La[illegible]nce, 168-pound fullback from Clover, N. C.

MAKES RECORD GAIN

It was after the first half was completed and High Point had rolled up a 53-0 score that the colored players got into the game. It was Lawrence who made the longest gain for the Pope Field squad getting a 29-yard gain in the fourth quarter.

At the half Head Coach Robert Saurez went to the High Point side of the field and asked permission to use the colored players.

LET 'EM PLAY

Ralph James, High Point coach, is reported to have checked with the players, the college president, and officials in the game to see if it was agreeable to allow the colored boys to play. Meanwhile, it was said, the High Point student body gave their own endorsement by chanting "let 'em play-let 'em play."

Coach James, explaining the circumstances of the colored players being used, declared that the Pope Field coach made the request after several of his players were injured. He added that under the circumstances, I felt it was the sportsmanship

[illegible] Sports writer, Bill Currie of [illegible] were color- the High Point Enterprise took ed players on the Pope Field the position that the game should team when the game was sched- not have been scheduled with uled and that he asked the coach an inferior team and also con- not to use them. tended that if it was right for the colored players to be used at the half it was right at the beginning of the game.

LOCAL CRITICISM

The colored players were not dressed for play in the first half. There was local criticism of the use of the colored players and the scheduling of a game with such an unbalanced team.

RACING TO A GIANT TOUCHDOWN IN FIRST FIFTY-FIVE SECONDS OF PLAY

The New York Times

LAYNE'S 23 PASSES GAIN VICTORY, 31-24

Bulldog Star's Aerials Good for 338 Yards in Battle at the Polo Grounds

FIRST TRIUMPH FOR TEAM

Crowd of 23,222 Sees Giants Lose After Building 24-7 Lead in Opening Half

STATISTICS OF THE GAME

	Bulldogs	Giants
First downs	21	18
Yards gained, rushing	49	134
Forward passes	39	38
Forwards completed	23	21
Yards gained forwards	338	201
Forwards intercepted by	2	1
Punts	7	7
*Av dist. of punts, yds.	36.6	36
Run-back of punts, yds.	16	73
Fumbles	3	2
Own fumbles recovered	1	1
Penalties	3	10
Yards lost, penalties	35	64

*From line of scrimmage.

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

When Emlen Tunnell returned a punt 68 yards to a touchdown just 55 seconds after hostilities began before 23,222 fans at the Polo Grounds yesterday, practically everybody settled back expecting the Giants to breeze to another triumph.

This false feeling of security was heightened when the half ended with the Maramen holding a 24-7 lead.

But the New York Bulldogs, orphans of the National Football League, who had gained only a tie in six previous games, refused to settle back, and when the final score was posted it was Bulldogs 31, Giants 24—a bitter blow to Steve Owen and his men, who had had visions of rising high in the football world this year.

Charley Ewart's players scarcely permitted the Giants to threaten in the last two periods, spreading a humiliating coat of whitewash over them while duplicating the Giants' first-half performance with 24 points.

A Battle of Aerials

It was pretty much of a basketball game in the second half, especially the final quarter, with Bobby Layne having much better success with his aerials than his rival, Chuckin' Chuck Conerly.

Bobby completed 23 of 39 tosses, two of them for touchdowns, and amassed a total of 338 yards via the air route. Conerly connected with 21 of 38 tosses for 201 yards, one going for a touchdown when Joe Scott snared the ball ten yards from pay dirt and ran the rest of the way in 1:45 of the second period.

But never was Chuck able to connect with his long passes at vital moments as when, in the final quarter, with Bill Swiacki in the clear, Charley's throw was just out of his reach on two consecutive attempts.

Layne, on the other hand, set up two touchdowns with long passes. Late in the third quarter, with the ball on the Bulldogs' 15, Bobby connected with Bill Chipley, who wound up with a first down on the Giants' 16. Joe Osmanski crashed over a bit later from the four for the first of his two touchdowns.

The second Giant score, which came in 1:41 of the opening period, was set up by a Bulldog fumble of the kick-off, which Bill Austin recovered on the Bulldog 7. On the first play Scott went around his left end for the score. Conerly completed a 24-yard scoring pass to Scott in the opening minutes of the second quarter. A little later Ben Agajanian booted a field goal from the 30 for the last points the Giants were to get.

The line-up:

BULLDOGS (31)

Left Ends—Chipley, Tamburo, Heywood.
Left Tackles—Nolan, Roman.
Left Guards—Olsonoski, Barzilauskas, Pregulman.
Centers—Domnanovich, Ellis.
Right Guards—Weaver, Sabasteanski, Batinski.
Right Tackles—Vogelaar, Gaul.
Right Ends—Scollard, Abbey, Prescott.
Quarterbacks—Layne, Rauch, Boyda.
Left Halfbacks—Shoults, Wade, Smith.
Right Halfbacks—Golding, Canady.
Fullbacks—Osmanski, Muelheauser.

GIANTS (24)

Left Ends—Duden, Swiacki, Lo Vuolo, Agajanian.
Left Tackles—White, Hutchinson, Sanchez.
Left Guard—Ettinger.
Centers—Coulter, Cannady.
Right Guards—Baker, Royston.
Right Tackles—Austin, DeRogatis, Kolman.
Right Ends—Poole.
Quarterbacks—Conerly, Mallouf, Coates.
Left Halfbacks—Tunnell, Roberts, Salscheider.
Right Halfbacks—Fischer, Scott.
Fullbacks—Sulaitis, Mertes.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Bulldogs	0	7	14	10—31
Giants	14	10	0	0—24

Touchdowns—Tunnell, Scott 2, Prescott, Chipley, Osmanski 2. Field goals—Agajanian, Scollard. Points after touchdowns—Scollard 4, Agajanian 3.

Referee—Yans Wallace, Umpire—Harry Robb, Penn State. Head Linesman—Tom Dowd, Holy Cross. Back Judge—Eugene Miller, Penn State. Field Judge—Charles Gault, Muhlenberg.

The New York Times

Unable to Halt Layne

In the fourth period Layne was throwing almost constantly and, even when the Giants knew he intended passing, they couldn't stop him.

One overenthusiastic attempt to stem the Layne passing, made by big Jim White late in the final quarter, brought a completion on interference and then the angry Giant captain further helped the Bulldogs to a score by kicking the official's flag.

This gesture cost the Giants fifteen yards for unsportsmanlike conduct, whereupon Layne hit Chipley with another pass to put the ball on the Giant 4 and Osmanski hurdled center for the score.

Nick Scollard kicked off for the Bulldogs following this touchdown and the Giants lost the ball when Ed Smith intercepted a Conerly pass at midfield.

Layne promptly connected with a new receiver, Joe Abbey, on the Giants' 15 and he was halted by Cletus Fischer's tackle on the 4. Dick Duden crashed through to throw Joe Golding for a loss and John Baker nailed Layne on the next play to shove the Bulldogs back to the 17.

Then Scollard booted a field goal from the 30.

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A YANKEE DRIVING FOR EIGHT YARDS IN GAME AT THE STADIUM

Buddy Young carrying the ball in the second quarter of contest with the Forty-Niners

The New York Times (by George Alexanderson)

YOUNG SHOWS WAY IN 24-TO-3 VICTORY

Newspaper James Mon. 10-24-49

Yankee Back Tallies Twice as 49ers Miss Touchdown First Time in 50 Contests

ALBERT'S PASSES FUTILE

Winners Intercept 4 Aerials —H. Johnson Boots Field Goal, 91st Extra Point

STATISTICS OF THE GAME

	Yanks.	S. Fran.
First downs	7	8
Yards gained, rushing	158	49
Forward passes	11	31
Forwards completed	2	13
Yards gained, forwards	15	137
Forwards intercepted by	4	2
Number of punts	9	6
*Av. dist. of punts, yds.	47.6	47.2
Run-back of punts, yds.	17	44
Fumbles	2	6
Own fumbles recovered	1	3
Penalties	3	3
Yards lost, penalties	17	27

*From line of scrimmage.

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

The Yankees moved to the top of the All-America Conference standings by pulverizing the San Francisco Forty-Niners, 24 to 3, before 38,187 onlookers (36,197 paid), at the Stadium yesterday. Cashing in on the breaks forced by its uncompromising defense, Red Strader's aroused team scored all its points in the second half.

It was the fourth straight victory for the Yankees, whose overall mark is 5-and-1. Technically, they are in a first-place tie with Cleveland, which has the same won-and-lost record. However, the champion Browns, idle yesterday, also have been tied, so the Yankees rate precedence. The outcome dropped the Forty-Niners to third.

Fleet Buddy Young scored twice for the home side, scampering 20 yards inside San Francisco's right end and later taking an 8-yard pass from Don Panciera. Sherman Howard also tallied, on a 10-yard sweep.

Johnson Scores 6 Points

Harvey Johnson completed the total. He booted a 40-yard field goal, his sixth in as many games, and ran his string of conversions to ninety-one with three extra points.

The second Yankee touchdown came on a ten-play march covering 51 yards. Their other scores were made on follow-ups of opportunities created by defensive alertness.

Never in their four-year history have the Forty-Niners, who came to town leading the Conference and boasting a 40-point scoring average, been so humiliated. It was the first touchdown shut-out Buck Shaw's team has suffered in fifty games. Joe Vetrano's 28-yard field goal in the second period averted a complete goose-egg.

At no time was San Francisco able to get its running attack to function. The Forty-Niners netted only forty-nine yards on the ground —as against 158 by the Yankees. Joe Perry, the Conference's leading ball-carrier, was held to just sixteen yards in nine rushes and fumbled away the ball on his only consequential gain.

Four Passes Intercepted

The dashing Frankie Albert bedeviled the Yankees in the first half with his southpaw passes, but could complete only three of seventeen in the second half. In addition, he had four intercepted, one stolen toss putting the Yankees in position for a score.

After an initial Yankee sally had been stopped when Panciera, who had a bad day throwing, tossed a pass that was intercepted, the Forty-Niners dominated the first half. However, all they had to show for their edge was Vetrano's field goal.

The full effect of the punishment dealt out by the bruising Yankee forwards became evident after the intermission. San Francisco did not make a first down in the final thirty minutes of play.

Ed Sharkey pounced on an errant Frisco lateral on the enemy 32 and at 3:13 Johnson's field goal tied the score. Shortly afterward, Jack Russell snagged an Albert pass on the 20 and the Yankees sprung Young for the distance on their first play. Buddy went across untouched, behind scythe-like blocking.

Howard, Young Pace Drive

Their next time with the ball, the Yankees went all the way again. Howard and Young bit off yardage in sizable chunks down to the 8. Then Panciera shot a flat pass to Young and he was home free.

Interceptions by Pete Layden and Otto Schnellbacher and the latter's recovery of Perry's fumble sabotaged San Francisco's efforts to get back into contention. The final Yankee touchdown was born of Albert's desperation. He gave up the ball on fourth down on his own 17. There were just forty-one seconds to play when Howard bulled across.

The line-up:

NEW YORK YANKEES (24)

Left Ends—Russell, Garza, Schnellbacher.
Left Tackles—Ruby, Mitchell.
Left Guards—Wozniak, Mastrangelo, Brown.
Centers—Ecklund, Perantoni, H. Johnson.
Right Guards—Signaigo, Sharkey, Erickson.
Right Tackles—Weinmeister, Chambers.
Right Ends—Alford, Poole, Davis.
Quarterbacks—Panciera, G. Johnson, Iverson.
Left Halfbacks—Young, Landry, Layden.
Right Halfbacks—Howard, Kusserow, Doss, Rowe.
Fullback—Kennedy.

SAN FRANCISCO FORTY-NINERS (3)

Left Ends—Salata, Schoener, Bruce.
Left Tackles—Mike, Quilter.
Left Guards—Clark, Banducci.
Centers—B. Johnson, Wismann.
Right Guards—Grgich, Hobbs.
Right Tackles—Woudenberg, Evans.
Right Ends—Beals, Susoeff, Maloney.
Quarterback—Albert.
Left Halfbacks—Eshmont, Cason, Cathcart, Wagner.
Right Halfbacks—Lillywhite, Garlin, Vetrano.
Fullbacks—Perry, Standlee.

SCORE BY PERIODS

New York Yankees	0	0	17	7	24
San Francisco Forty-Niners	0	3	0	0	3

Touchdowns—Young 2, Howard. Field goals—H. Johnson, Vetrano (placements). Points after touchdown—H. Johnson 3 (placements).

Referee—Thomas Timlin, Niagara. Umpire—Ernest Hughitt, Michigan. Linesman—William Ohrenberger, Boston College. Field judge—Lloyd Brazil, Detroit. Sideline judge—Harlan Mumma, West Point.

BOTH TO FACE OHIO; ATHAN'S ANKLE HURT

Newspaper James 10-24-49

Injury Sidelines Half Back

Johnny Miller, Northwestern halfback who suffered a broken nose in practice Tuesday afternoon, will be able to play against Ohio State at Columbus, O., Saturday, according to Trainer Carl Erickson. However, Rich Athan, sofomore half back, will be sidelined with an ankle injury that has hampered his play since the Minnesota game.

He had worked out daily with Don MacRae, guards, and Ray Wiecha, center. It is expected to see action at left half Saturday. Meeder May Get Call

Bob Meeder, reserve half back, who broke into the lineup for the first time against Iowa, probably will see action at left half Saturday. Meeder is a native of Columbus and is anxious to perform before the home folks. He was given his big chance last week when Half Back Steve Sawle and Rudy Cer Dick Alban suffered a knee injury

Miller, the Wildcats' regular left half back, attained stardom in last year's game with Ohio State. After action against Iowa, however, that he will dis- Don Stonesifer, who has in a sparkling performance two games.

Coach Bob Voigts does not con any lineup changes. He to retain the line consisting nesifer and Burt Keddie, two touchdowns that enabled the Wildcats to win, 21 to 7.

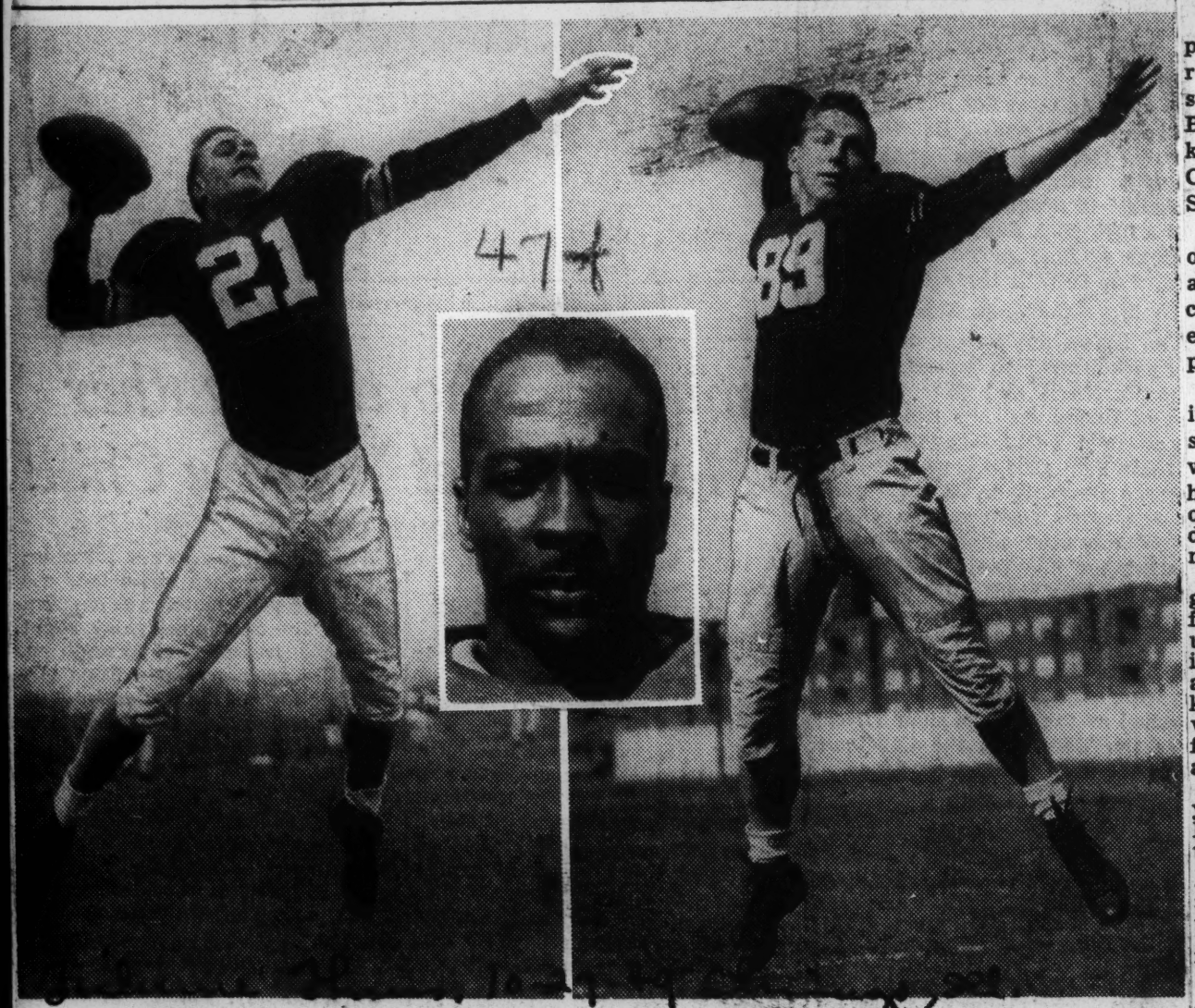
Stonesifer to Start

The Wildcats also have regained of Stonesifer, veteran ends; Steve Sawle and Rudy Cer tackles; Jim Parsegian and template and plans to retain the last two weeks with a sprained ankle.

early in the game.

The Wildcats engaged in another heavy workout yesterday as Coach Voigts sent the squad thru an offensive and defensive scrimmage against the freshmen.

WILDCATS BREW AN AERIAL INVASION



Among those contributing to the offensive fireworks expected Saturday in Northwestern-Ohio State game in Columbus, O., will be (left) Don Burson of Lakewood, O., and Dick Flowers of South Bend, Ind., Wildcat quarter backs. Jimmy Clark (inset), half back from Columbus, is one of Ohio State's running threats

Professional Grid Briefs

Daily Double

NEW YORK — Buddy Young pitched in with a touchdown kick return for the second Sunday in succession, and thus led the Brooklyn-New York football Yankees to a 14-10 victory over the Chicago Hornets here the past Sabbath.

As it turned out it was the work of the Yankees' tan twins, Young and Sherman Howard, that accounted for the win which clinched an All-American Conference playoff berth for the locals.

Buddy, taking the game-opening kickoff on his own 9-yard stripe, raced to the Hornet 35, where he brought down. However, he hurriedly regained his feet and outsprinted the opposition to pay dirt, to give the Yanks a lead they never relinquished.

Howard, who has amazed AAC grid fans with his spectacular freshman performance, helped set-up his own touchdown. Alternating with white Duke Iverson to advance the ball from the Yankee 45, to the 24, the former Nevada ace knifed his way through for 8 yards, then 11 yards, then a touchdown.

Last Sunday, Young ran 94 yards after taking a kick from the Buffalo Bills to hang up the initial score of the contest.

Buddy's old college teammate at Illinois, Paul Patterson, was a halfback starter for the Hornets but was unable to break away from the sturdy New York defenses.

Set-up Snatch

CLEVELAND — A pass from white Otto Graham to Horace Gillom setup the lone touchdown the defending champion Cleveland Browns were able to register here Sunday, as they were held to a 7-7 tie by the Buffalo Bills.

An interception gave the Browns the ball on the Bill 24. Graham immediately shot a pass to Gillom on the 11, and three plays later the home quarterback went over on a sneak.

The ankle-deep mud shackled the Brownies' ground game, usually powered by all-conference fullback Marion Motley. Bill Willis was the locals' defensive tower at left guard.

Everybody in Act

LOS ANGELES—Joe Perry was on the receiving end of a pass from Frankie Albert ,white, which covered 57 yards and broke a 14-14 tie, putting the San Francisco 49ers in the lead of the game they finally won from Los Angeles Dons. 41-24, here Sunday.

Perry added another touchdown during the afternoon to lead all individual point-getters with two TD's.

Lenny Ford connected with a pass from George Taliaferro for one of the Don tallies, and former all-CIAA center Johnny Brown tallied another on a blocked kick.

Mud Stops Tank

PITTSBURGH—Grambling University's product, Tank Younger, manacled by the treacherous underfooting of Forbes Field, failed to turn in any appreciable gains as the Los Angeles Rams gained a 7-7 National Football League tie with the Pittsburgh Steelers here Sunday.

But No Use

CHICAGO—Bob Mann snared three passes for good gains here Sunday, as the Detroit Lions' staged a vain rally in the final period before bowing, 27-24, to the Chicago Bears in a National Football League contest.

Tunnell on Shelf

GREEN BAY, Wis.—Emlen Tunnell idled as his New York Giant teammates routed Green Bay Packers, 30-10, in a National Football League game here Sunday.

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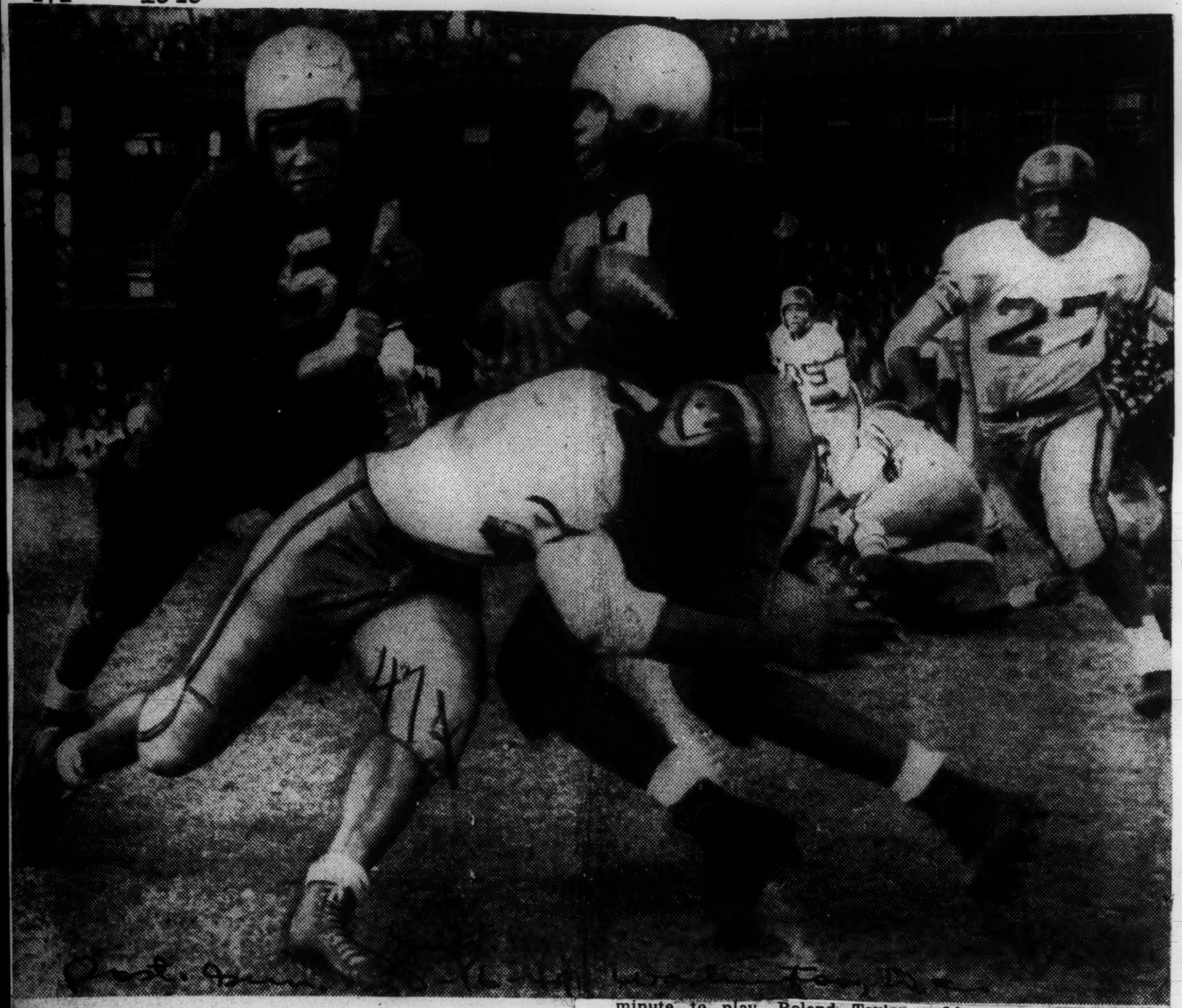


NICE TACKLE, MORGAN STATE—Earl Greenfield, carrying the ball for Howard, is tackled hard and low by LeRoy St. Thomas of Morgan State in yesterday's game at Griffith Stadium.

By Jack Lartz—The Washington Post.

Tackle Clarence Gilkes (54) of Howard comes up too late to make a block. At right is Oliver Hubbard (27) of Morgan State

Morgan Routs Howard, 39-0

The undefeated Morgan Bears routed the Howard University Bison before 8000 fans at Griffith Stadium yesterday, 39-0.

The Bears scored twice in the first 10 minutes of play on two sustained drives and were never headed.

With Tim Howard [illegible] drivers seat the winners outrushed and out maneuvered the Bisons in all departments.

Morgan tallied twice in the fourth and final period on Howard Quann's 17-yard dash around the Bison left end and again with one minute to play, Roland Taylor passed Irvin Locust to put the count at 39-0.

Howard		Morgan
4	First downs	24
40	Penalties	50
55	Yards rushing	378
71	Yards passing	93
14	Passes attempted	15
3	Passes completed	6
159	Yards kicks returned	52
3	Fumbles	0
1	Recovered by	2
1	Number of punts	6
45	Average for punts	37.7

HOWARD

End—TThompson, Carrington, Williams, Spencer, Gaines, Waters.

Tackles—J. Carter, Gilkes, Barnes, Credit, Jones, Jackson, Brown and Howard.

Guards—Thomas, Brown, L. Hill, Redmond, Jordan.

Centers—H. K. Thompson, McNair.

Backs—Anderson, Abrams, Minton, Ross, Davidson, Carr, Tripp, Hoston, Carter, Greenfield, Grace W. Jackson, Robertson.

MORGAN

Ends—Byrd, Whaley, Freeman, Locust, Moat, Harris.

Tackles—Hasty, Clark, Palmer, Depass, Brown.

Guards—C. Robinson, Nelson, Hammond, Robertson, Burley.

Centers—Mathews, Fugett.

Backs—Howard, Triplett, Brice, Rooks, Anderson, Priest, C. Robinson, White, Quann, Harrell, Banks, Taylor, St. Thomas

Fritz Pollard Nominates Ace Gridiron Team

Carefully surveying and evaluating their gridiron worth from the year 1887 to present times, Fritz Pollard, one of the best known football stars in the country, selected the ten greatest football players of all times.

Placed on the mythical team that would've, proved a sensation were John Mayo, "Ink" Williams, Joe Lillard, Marion Motley, William H. Lewis, Bob Marshall, Kenny Washington, Ed Gray, Duke Slater, Paul Robeson and Charlie West.

Reminiscing in the November issue of Our World mag about his 32 years as a player, coach and spectator, Pollard brings up names of topflight Negro stars that are hazy to present-

ting a clean .900 in calling CIAA day fans. Contrary to prent-day belief, Fritz states, Levi Jackson wasn't the first Negro captain of an Ivy League team as the late William H. Lewis held that distinction when he was gridiron terror at both Amherst and Harvard in 1887.

Of the ten greatest chosen by the onetime Brown University and Walter Camp All-American star, Marion Motley of the pro Cleveland Browns is the only one still active. "Motley is just so finished and polished in the gridiron that you can't overlook him," Fritz explained.

The final selections were based on the player's defensive and offensive actions, he said. Not only were they good in their time, he added, but they could easily fit into competitive action today and be the sensations that they were yesteryear.

When he was streaking across the turfed fields, Fritz recalls, football was a bone-crushing game. Today the rules have been rewritten and no more are players carted off in ambulances to the hospitals after each game.

Negro Game Tonight May Lure 30,000

Some 30,000 football fans are expected to witness the twenty-first annual Wiley-Prairie View Negro college football classic at 8 p.m. Monday in the Cotton Bowl.

Last year the game drew 26,617 fans but because this is the silver anniversary game and the teams are so evenly matched, still more fans are expected to turn out. The series was inaugurated in 1925 with Wiley and Langston the principals.

The teams, each thirty-five players strong, arrived in Dallas Sunday afternoon. Their coaches say their charges are ready physically and mentally.

Five former Dallas players are slated to start for the Wiley Methodists. They are Backs Lafayette Moore and Leroy Wallace, Tackle Louie Tennon, Guard Willie D. Smith and End James Dukes. Wallace and Dukes played at Lincoln; others in front in the Southwest Negro Athletic Conference title chase as Joe Washington and Buford Holland are both speed merchants, and Joe Henry, the quarterback and ball-handler in the Panthers' T-attack, is a clever manipulator and deadly passer.

Capt. Jim Bradley at fullback and Lester Broadus (175), ends; Edward Deo (206) and Rufus Turner (195), tackles; Lieutenant Johnson (167) and Vance Heard (158), guards; John Freeman (185), center; Joseph Henry (155), quarterback; Joe Washington (153) and Buford Holland (150), halfbacks, and James Bradley (192), fullback.

In all, fourteen former Dallas players are on the squads.

Wiley, with a combination of twenty-eight freshmen and seven upperclassmen, will have a starting line-up of ten first-year players directed by their senior triple-threat quarterback, James C. Moore.

Jimmy Stevens, the Prairie View senior, probably will rely upon speed and passing to keep the Panthers' hard line-smashing drives.

The probable line-up:

WILEY.—Glover Turner (180) and James Dukes (160), ends; Reggie Brown (225) and Louie Tennon (210), tackles; Ross (190) and Willie D. Smith (175), guards; Joe Riley (175), center; C. Moore (165), quarterback; Lafayette Moore (171) and Leroy Wallace (180), halfbacks, and George Anderson (173), fullback.

PRAIRIE VIEW.—Willie Pruitt (173) and Lester Broadus (175), ends; Edward Deo (206) and Rufus Turner (195), tackles; Lieutenant Johnson (167) and Vance Heard (158), guards; John Freeman (185), center; Joseph Henry (155), quarterback; Joe Washington (153) and Buford Holland (150), halfbacks, and James Bradley (192), fullback.

BUDGET CUT DIMS WOLVERINES '49 SIAC CHAMPIONSHIP HOPES

ATLANTA, GEORGIA. -(SNS)- A budget-pruning gesture ordered by Bishop R. R. right, Jr., of the Sixth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Church, threatens to wreck the powerful Morris Brown College Purple Wolverines, one of the most feared teams in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Bishop Wright sounded the deathknell for the Purple Wolverines' championship aspirations when he ordered the college to cut expenditures in order to keep within the budget.

In a statement to the Atlanta Journal, the church leader, who is chairman of the Board of Trustees for the AME Church of Georgia, cited the fact that scholarships for athletes would be overspent by 200 per cent if continued at the present rate and ordered commitments withdrawn to readjust the budget.

PLAYERS QUIT TEAM

Bishop Wright's edict has confused the status of players on the squad. Monday players reported for practice without coaches and later in the week the squad and coaches cooperated in drills. Several members of the starting team reportedly have quit the team. This has dimmed the team's chances for victory over its old nemesis Florida A. and M. in Tallahassee, Florida, next Saturday.

The Atlanta Journal pointed out: "The order threatens to weaken the team if not obliterate it entirely and the campus was greatly disturbed as the implications of the order was received. Most of the squad were receiving the sort of assistance that is customary at most colleges of the land."

NO STATEMENT

Although representatives of The Atlanta Daily World repeatedly beseiged members of the administrative staff for official comment at no time were they given a statement.

Dr. W. A. Fountain said late Wednesday that he had not been contacted by any member of the Metropolitan press, although published stories stated he had been notified by the Board to revise the budget and that he hoped to work out something.

Bishop Wright is quoted as saying he was firmly opposed to subsidizing athletes. He cited: "Our educational policy does not include subsidizing athletes, which I regard as unsound business and unsound education. The athletic department will now have to operate from now on within the budget on the best approved standards."

Bishop Wright's formal statement to the Atlanta Journal is as follows:

"At a recent meeting of the board of trustees of Morris Brown College a policy of rigid economy was instituted and it was voted unanimously that there be no overspending of the budget without the written approval of the board chairman. Investigations showed that scholarships for athletes would be overspent more than 200 per cent unless there were immediate curtailment to conform with the budget as it was approved in June. The athletic committee in order to bring its budget within the limits of that set by the board at its annual meeing in June had to withdraw some of its commitments, resulting in the loss of scholarships by some boys who layed football

Bishop R. R. Wright Asks For Huge Cut In Grid Scholarships

Can't Cope With Single Wing Power

By JOEL W. SMITH

ATLANTA, Ga. — Striking with bewildering efficiency from their smartly-tailored single wing formation, the Morris Brown Purple Wolverines launched their 1949 grid campaign with a clean-cut, 35-6 victory over the Tuskegee Golden Tigers, Friday night at Herndon Stadium. A crowd of 7,000 fans turned out on a perfect autumn evening to see these Southern Conference rivals renew their rivalry after a four-year interval.

Trailing 6-0 at the end of the first period, Morris Brown staged an amazing five-touchdown scoring spree and Rudolph Green, placement specialist from Beckley, W. Va., calmly booted all of the extra points.

James Swinney of Atlanta capped a 40-yard drive by blasting through from the Morris Brown's five for Tuskegee's only touchdown of the evening. Highlighting the drive was a 12-yard pass from Carl Allen, Tampa, Fla., to his home town teammate, Leroy Porter and Captain George Dickerson's 24-yard sprint.

STRIKE BACK

The Purples stormed back with an assortment of deceptive running plays, with James Bair of Knoxville, Tenn., ramming over from the 2 on a 42-yard drive. Morris Brown struck again late in the second period, after Rufus Tribble, Asheville, N. C., and Daniel Hawkins, New Kensington, Pa., moved the pigskin to the Tuskegee 28. Leonard Clark, promising newcomer from Beckley, W. Va., then went the distance for the pay-off, making the half-time score, 14-6.

After marching 51 yards for a touchdown early in the third period, Morris Brown hit pay dirt again a few minutes later when Bair slipped away to the Tuskegee 1. Tribble ploughed over for both touchdowns. Roscoe Ross of Donora, Pa., reeled off 20 yards to set the final touchdown and then crossed the double stripes on a reverse from the Tuskegee 12.

The Lineups:

Pos.—Morris Brown	Tuskegee
L.E.—Harvell	Scissum
L.T.—Benson	McNeir
L.G.—Parker (c)	Fyles
C. —Calhoun	Beavers
R.G.—Smith	Belle
R.T.—Broughton	Danzy
R.E.—Bly	Hardwick
Q.B.—Anderson	C. Allen
H.B.—Ross	Dickerson (c)
H.B.—Hawkins	Swinney
F.B.—Tribble	Davenport

Grid Scores

Morehouse	6—Tuskegee 25
Morris Brown	21—Allen 7
Alabama A. & M.	0—S. C. State 0
Ark. State	6—Prairie View 55
Florida A. & M.	58—Xavier (La.) 13
Howard	31—J. C. Smith 0
Langston	14—Southern 14
Lincoln (Pa.)	0—Morgan State 35
N. C. College	27—Delaware State 0
St. Augustine	0—W. Va. State 2
St. Paul	0—Bluefield 33
Va. Union	27—Ky. State 14
Winston-Salem	0—Shaw 7
Texas College	0—Tillotson 26
Wilberforce	7—Tenn. State 28
Clark	12—Ala. State 6
Grambling	54—Fort Valley 0
Hampton	27—Va. State 21
Rust	13—Dillard 38
Morristown	18—Fayetteville 7

Alabama State Meets Strong Lane College Team Here Friday

Alabama State's bruised and battered Hornets took an enforced vacation Monday afternoon and went to work Tuesday prepping for their Friday night meeting with the Lane College Dragons of Jackson, Tenn., who will be their last opponent to face in Hornet Stadium this season.

The Hornets were mauled by a heavier and superior Fisk team last Saturday while they put up mercilessly as they put up their best efforts of the season defensively in a valiant effort to stem the furious attack put up by the Bulldogs, who took a 36-7 decision before their home fans in Nashville.

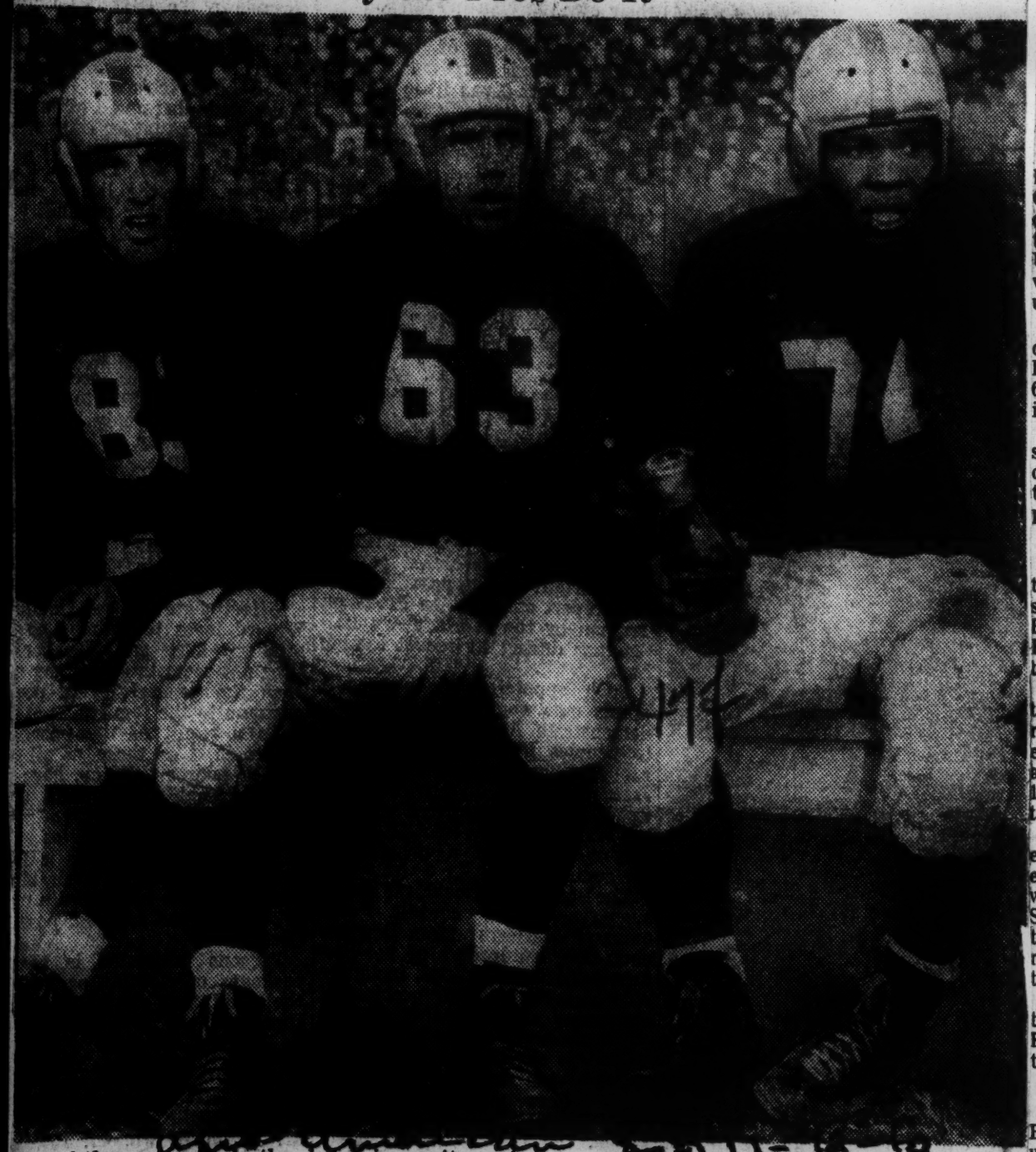
The furious Bulldogs added starting backs Eugene Weatherly, James Parker and Sam Bolden to the already long list of Hornet injuries, plus End Archie Shaw and All-Conference tackle Howard Green, key Hornet lineman. This puts more than half of the Hornet starting lineup on the bench as these stalwarts joined P. Weatherly, quarterback, and W. Sullivan, tackle, who are already sidelined.

So serious is the injury problem that Coach Dixon is thinking of cancelling his "B" team schedule, and hustling some of these boys into the regular squad to fill the gaps Friday night.

This will give his other boys two weeks of rest to finish the season against Alabama A&M at Legion Field, Fort Valley State at Memorial Stadium (Columbus) and Tuskegee here at Cramton Bowl on Thanksgiving afternoon.

Fortunately the "Bs" have been showing nice progress and should be able to give a good account of themselves against Lane, as the Dragons have lost some of their punch this season since their coach, "Ox" Clemons, moved over to the coaching staff at his Alma Mater Morris Brown this season.

Here's the Way the Pros Do It



Out of the game while the defensive unit carries on, these three backfield aces of the San Francisco 49ers sit huddled together on the bench, awaiting their turn. Left to right, it's Sam Cathcart, flank-circling demon of the Californians, Frankie Albert, the peerless "T" quarterback, and Joe Perry, ground-devouring fullback who leads the All-America Conference in rushing yardage.

On Mixed Grid Fronts

Five for Two

KINGS POINT, N.Y. — Bill Payne, regular left halfback, and George Starke, stellar left end, divided ve touchdowns between them as they paced New York University to a one-sided, 39-0 win over Kings Point here Saturday.

Payne, who tallied three touchdowns in an overwhelming first half, turned in runs of 55 yards, 62 yards and nine yards to register.

Starke took a short pass and scampered 60 yards for the first of his two scores, then stood in the end zone and caught a TD pass for the other.

Astrology Stud

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Two relative "unknowns" hit the brink of stardom here Saturday as Rose Bowl-conscious Ohio State edged Pittsburgh, 14-10, in a nip-and-tuck battle.

Left End Earl Sumpter who, though a senior is a comparative newcomer to Pitt's scoring echelon, put the Panthers ahead with a catch of white Carl Depasqua's 17-yard pass in the second quarter.

But another-heralded performer, Ray Hamilton, came to liwe er, Ray Hamilton, came to life with the score 10-7, against Ohio State, and knifed his way 23 yards through the Pitt team for the winning Buckeye touchdown late in the third period.

A knee injury benched the Panthers' brilliant ball-carrier, Jimmy Robinson. He watched throughout the afternoon from the sideline.

Custis Cusses

ITHACA, N.Y. — Airminded Bernie Custis twice passed to within the shadows of the goal here Saturday, but Cornell braced and held the Syracuse grid entourage on each occasion and walked off with a 33-7 victory. Custis must've cussed!

The aerial wizard of the Orange collaborated with white Bob Young for a 63-yard pass play in the first period, but the homelings staged a goal-line stand that couldn't be penetrated. Again in the fourth quarter, Custis hit, this time to Dragotta, and Syracuse got down to the four, but no farther.

Bernie attempted 15 passes and completed seven for gains of 108 yards. Young Billy Haskins saw action for the Orange at right halfback but was held pretty well in check by the stalwart Indian defense.

Meets Mr. Flanagan

SCRANTON, Pa.—An outstanding player on the University of Scraton football team this season has been Wilbur Flanagan, who alternates at end and tackle, the latter on defense.

The local eleven, a 33-6 winner over Albright College here Saturday, has a record of four victories and as many losses.

Too Much Harvey

EASTON, Pa.—Harvey Grimsley was the big difference as Rutgers University turned back Lafayette College, 14-0, in their traditional football clash here Saturday.

Grimsley, a shifty 185-pound back, hit pay dirt twice, scoring on runs of three and 39 yards. The victory was the 46th for Rutgers in a series which dates back 67 years.

'Bulled' Dogs

NEW HAVEN—Their feelings hurt by the fact that Coach Herman Hickman passed up their game fr a scouting trip, Brown University players smote Levi Jackson and his Yale Bulldog eleven, 14-0, here Saturday.

Levi proved adept at passing but was unable to break loose for any substantial gains.

Not Quite Enuf

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Elmo (Bill) Jackson, leading scorer on the Muhlenberg College football team tallied twice as the Mules came near upsetting a highly-regarded Lehigh University eleven here Saturday. The Engineers won, 22-20.

Amos Collects

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.,—A 49-yard pass from white Bernie Krueger to end Amos Jones enabled Illinois to overhaul a 7-0 Indiana lead, and set the stage for the Illini's 33-14 win over the Hoosiers here Saturday.

Don Stevens and Bill Willis both showed in the role of halfback during the afternoon and were helpful to the Illinois cause.

For Indiana, Wilfred Rawl, ex-West Virginia Statesman, played his usual fine game at tackle, and Sam Winston and Mickey Marshall received calls as tackle and halfback, respectively.

Tan Trio Tamed Too

EAST LANSING, Mich.—Three tan aces were in the starting lineup as the once-beaten Michigan State eleven took the field to battle powerful Notre Dame, Saturday.

And although the Spartans were downed, 34-21, by the undefeated Irish, Halfback Horace Smith, Jay Williams and Don Coleman played prominent roles. The former was unable to break away in his usual fashion, but Williams and Coleman, at the two-tackle posts, played brilliantly on defense.

Teague Helps

EVANSTON, Ill.— Bob Teague had no part in the actual scoring, but it was largely due to his key running that Wisconsin talled a 14-6 win over Northwestern Saturday.

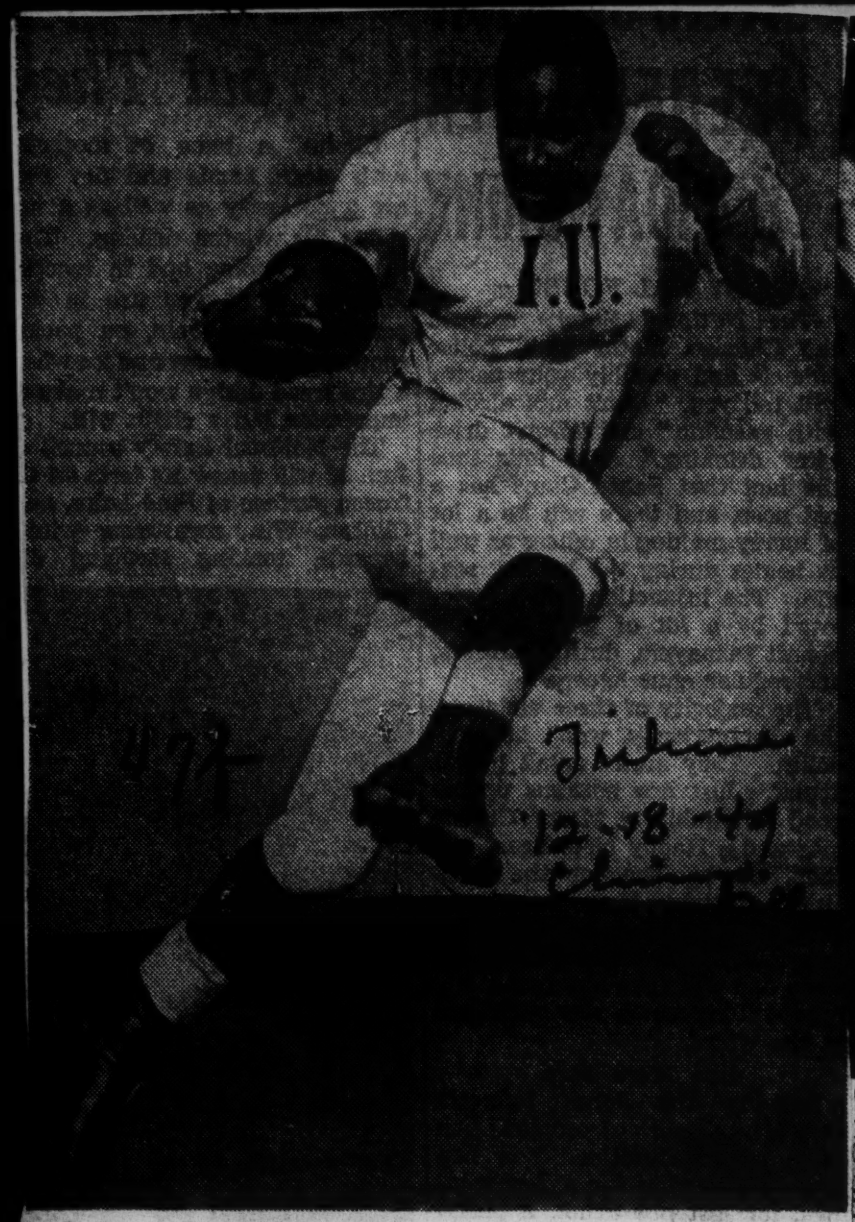
Teague shared the burden with white Gwynn Christensen in sparking the two downfield drives which led to Badger markers.

Duo Dubbed

MANHATTAN, Kansas—Center Harold Robinson, first tan player in the Big Seven, and his teammate, Hart Givens, were helpless as Oklahoma rolled to a 39-0 triumph here Saturday.

Ditto Quartet

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — All four of Iowa's tan players broke into the game, but it was a futile effort, as Minnesota ran roughshod over the Hawkeyes, 55-7, Saturday.



Indiana, altho finishing last in the Big Ten, uncovered an excellent sofomore back in Bobby Roberston, who gave the Hoosiers a punting average of 40.8 yards for the year.

'ALL IS BRIGHT—Johnny Estes (center) joins with six football playing friends at his home at Des Moines, Iowa, to sing "Silent Night." Estes is a former Iowa back who suffered a spine injury during the summer of 1948 and never returned to school. Doctors at first said he wouldn't live; later they said he would never walk. But after a year and a half of courageous trying he now walks. Joining him in the Christmas celebration pictured here are (left to right): Earl Riley of St. Ambrose, Jerry Groom, Notre Dame captain-elect; Andy Buntz of Iowa, John Towner of Iowa, Paul DeVan of Iowa Teachers, and Nick Manoles of Drake.

Richmond Rebels Surprise Sports World, Sign Negro Gridder

RICHMOND, Va.—In a tradition-shattering move, the Richmond Rebels, second ranking team in the American pro football league, signed Freddie Cooper, former Virginia Union University and all-CIAA star to its ranks for this season.

Cooper is the first Negro to be named with any pro football team in the South. News of his selection was greeted jubilantly by his followers in Richmond, and it is generally conceded that his presence on the team will be a shot in the arm for the box office. Although it is stated that there has been some adverse criticism from die-hard Southerners, most football fans have accepted his appointment with goodwill.

Cooper, who has been practicing daily with the Rebels, stated that he has been very well received by his teammates. "I'm getting along fine," Cooper told The Courier reporter. "The fellows are very, very nice."

Coach Keith Molesworth, who is in Richmond for his first year as Rebels' coach and who is also coaching his first Southern football team, expressed delight at having Cooper on the team. "I've seen Cooper only a very short time," he stated, "but I think he's going to be a wonderful asset for the team. He's fast, he kicks, is a very good pass receiver, and all in all, I think he's very good."

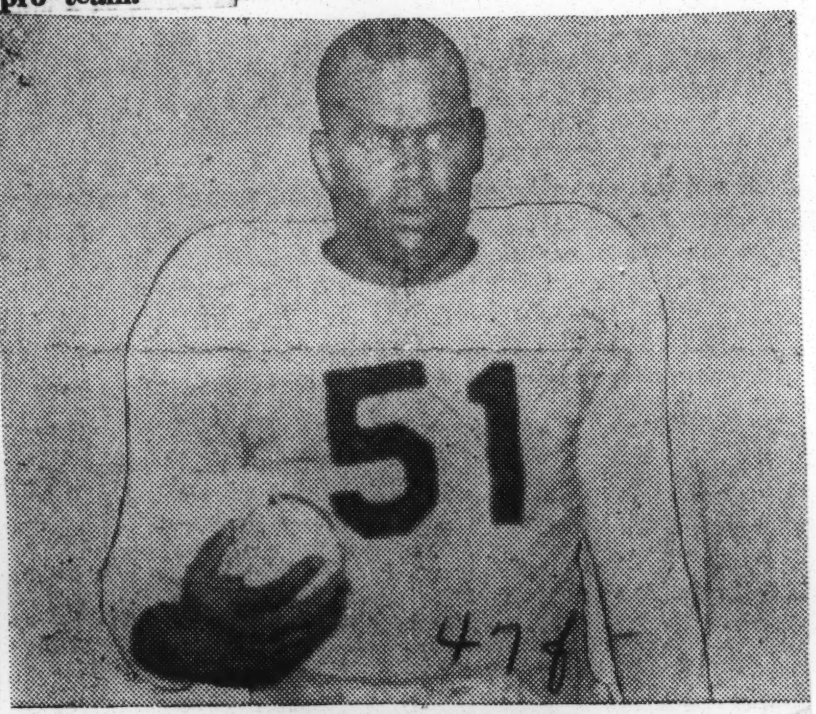
Molesworth stated that he'd heard, for the most part, only favorable comment on Cooper's joining the team. "There have been a few, a very few, who expressed adverse opinions," he stated, "but it will be only a matter of time before they'll come around. After all, I don't know enough to know whether all or practically all the pro football teams have colored players, and now baseball, so the idea is being pretty generally accepted."

He stated that Cooper should draw a larger number of fans. "I suppose we'll have many more colored fans at the games," he stated. "After all, they'll have someone to watch whereas heretofore, there was no personal interest. Only the football fans came out. Now many will come to see Cooper."

The affable Coach Molesworth, whom Cooper describes as "a very fine person," stated that they expected no trouble from the fans as far as Cooper was concerned.

Molesworth, who comes to Richmond from Honolulu where he was coach of the Hawaiian Warriors pro football club for three years, was formerly backfield coach, plebe baseball and basketball coach at the U. S. Naval Academy for eight years, and played football with the Bears for seven years.

Cooper, who hails from Haddonfield, N. J., is teacher of history and social studies at Maggie Walker High School. Last year he tried out for the New York Yankees, but prefers playing with the Rebels as he can keep his teaching job. In addition to teaching and assisting with the coaching at Maggie Walker High he played last year with the Richmond Rams, Negro pro team.



FREDDIE COOPER

Five Bowl Games Will Have Negroes Showing Their Football Talents

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By HERMAN HILL

LOS ANGELES—As that lusty and vigorous infant, 1949, embarks on the scene, Negro gridders find themselves destined to play key roles in five of the Nation's bowl classics in the West on New Year's Day.

The situation is with no precedent in collegiate football annals. It could well presage the vanguard of an era in the field of sports everywhere, where the ability of an athlete, and not his color or creed will be the final measuring rod.

Our boys will participate in the tradition-steeped Rose Bowl in Pasadena, the colorful Cotton Bowl in Dallas Texas, the Shrine East-West charity game in Kezar Stadium at San Francisco, at picturesque Balboa Stadium in San Diego in the Harbor Bowl, and at Fresno's Raisin Bowl. In Pasadena where California's co-Pacific Coast Conference champions face Northwestern in the thirty-fifth renewal of the Tournament of Roses classic, Staten Webster, 180-pound right halfback and rugged Len Jones, 217-pound reserve tackle, are listed on the Golden Bears roster. Webster pours through holes of front with tremendous speed, and once in the secondary is harder to catch than a Harrison Dillard. He alternated with Jack Swaner, first stringer, at the position, and did a perfect job of filling in for Swaner in the Navy game, scoring two of California's three touchdowns.

POOR BLOCKER

Webster's inability to block has kept him from taking over the first-string spot on Coach Lynn Waldorf's aggregation. A senior student, Webster hails from San Francisco. He has seen plenty of action during the season and is the type of runner who can break up a ball game by going all the way at any time.

Jones is a letter man and is considered very hard to move on defense. He developed rapidly last season and is one of the Bears most capable line reserves. He is from Junction City, Kan., and is a junior. He saw service as a staff sergeant in the Army Engineers during World War II.

In their fifth appearance at the Rose Bowl the Bears will strive mightily to gain Pacific Coast Conference revenge for the one-sided lickings Illinois and Michigan administered to West Coast teams the last two years.

A sell-out attendance of more than 95,000 fans is assured. At Dallas, Southern Methodist plays host to Oregon, Pacific Coast Conference consolation winner, and the first coast conference eleven ever to play in the Cotton Bowl.

Last year Penn State and SMU battled to a stirring tie which saw the inital appearance in the Cotton Bowl of Negro players.

SMU FAVORED

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Doak Walker and company will be slight favorites in this year's game by virtue of their garrison finishes. In Woodley Lewis, 185-pound left halfback, mighty Oregon has a running threat to match All-American Norm Van Brocklin's rifle passing. Lewis hails from Los Angeles where he was a great star at Los Angeles City College. He is a tricky runner with plenty of power and poise.

This sepia whiz has a five-yard-per-try average for the season. A junior, Lewis alternates in the starting job with Johnny McKay, ex-Purdue back. Up front, Chet Daniels, 188-pound, five foot nine inch sophomore guard, is the defensive half of the Duck's right guard combination. He has an explosive charge and gets through the line in a hurry. Daniels also does duty as the middle line backer when Oregon uses a five-man defense. He excells as a place kicker and did all of Oregon's converting in the last five games.

He also boots field goals and made good in his only attempt this year. His conversion beat St. Mary's, 14-13, and he cinched Oregon's win over Oregon State with a neat field goal to make the final score 10-0. Daniels is a real **comer. His trusty toe could prove Oregon's margin over the Mus**tangs. Win Wright, third Negro member of the Oregon team, is a reserve end and a two-year letter man in track. His playing has been limited due to more experienced personnel ahead of him.

Down San Diego way, the third annual Harbor Bowl pits once-beaten Nevada, with a 9-1 record, against Villanova, Eastern Seaboard powerhouse, in perhaps the only truly East-West post season classic of the day. It could easily be the most thrilling to witness.

NEVADA HAS POWER

Villanova has a 7-2-1 record. Paced by All-American Stan Heath, the Wolf Pack have amassed an all-time collegiate yardage record total on offense. In their last game they rolled over University of Hawaii, 73-12, in Honolulu.

Nevada has tallied 473 points in ten games. Two all-important cogs in the Silver State Juggernaught are 195-pound starting fullback, Sherman Howard, from Chicago, and Alva Tabor, ex-Tuskegee quarterback who spells Heath.

Howard played prep football with Buddy Young at Wendell Phillips in Chicago. He spent a year at Iowa and decided to enter UCLA. He was late arriving in Los Angeles and wound up at Nevada instead. He was an end originally, but was shifted to fullback because of his dazzling speed. He is a track man and runs the 100-yard dash in 9.7.

Tabor likewise came West to enter UCLA. Unable to become eligible there, he transferred to Nevada last year. An accurate tosser and a classy ball handler on the T, Tabor is fast coming into his own. Should Heath falter, he could be the key man in Nevada's fortunes on Jan. 1.

Sponsors of the Harbor Bowl are going big time in bringing Villanova and Nevada together and a sell-out stadium of 27,000 should reward their efforts.

Many football fanatics are deserting the Rose Bowl for this titanic. Ted Husing will air the game on a national network. Popularly dubbed football's most worthwhile game, the Shrine East-West game annually attracts a sell-out crowd of 62,000 at Kezar Stadium. Proceeds to go to Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children.

FIRST TO PERFORM

This year, for the first time in the classic's eventful twenty-three-year history, a Negro player has **been invited to play. Chosen for the honor is Gene Derricotte, 173-pound Michigan left halfback and one of the Maize and Blue's brightest stars of the last Rose Bowl game.** Derricotte is a member of the East team. He has been plagued with injuries this season, but appears to be fully recovered. At his best, Derricotte is one of the game's greatest safety men and "a picture runner" in the open field. Derricotte is a senior and has finished his eligibility at Michigan.

Colorado A. and M. collides with Occidental College of Los Angeles at Ratcliffe Stadium in Fresno in the annual renewal of the Raisin Bowl.

The rugged Aggies from Fort Collins, Col., are making their first bowl bid in the history of the school. Colorado has an 8-2 record for the season.

Occidental is unbeaten. Sparking Colorado all season long has been flashy Eddie Hanna, 165-pound sepia halfback from Dodge City, Kan. Hanna has tallied seven touchdowns. He is dynamite once past the line of scrimmage.

George Jones, 175-pound defensive left end from Garden City, Kan., is another stalwart for the Aggies. He is a bulwark on defense. He also stars on the basketball team and holds the school's javelin throw record.

A third member of the squad is Alfred Dawson, defensive halfback and ex-serviceman from Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Aggies are one-touchdown favorites. And thus it is, suntanned stalwarts will roam bowl gridirons from Northern California to Southwest Texas. Along with their teammates they will be the cynosure of countless thousands of eyes and ears from border to border and coast to coast, and they will have the tradition of thrills, sportsmanship and outstanding play to live up to.

IN HARBOR BOWL — Alva Tabor, ex-Tuskegee star and alternate quarterback for the University of Nevada, who plays Villanova in the Harbor Bowl at San Diego on New Year's Day.

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Bowl Game Performers

Name	Team	Pos.	Game	Place
Staten Webster	California	Right Half	Rose Bowl	Pasadena
Len Jones	California	Tackle	Rose Bowl	Pasadena
Woodley Lewis	Oregon	Left Half	Cotton Bowl	Dallas
Chet Daniels	Oregon	Guard	Cotton Bowl	Dallas
Sherman Howard	Nevada	Fullback	Harbor Bowl	San Diego
Alvin Tabor	Nevada	Quarterback	Harbor Mowl	San Diego
Gene Derricotte	Michigan	Left Half	East-West	San Francisco
Eddie Hanna	Colorado	Left Half	Raisin Bowl	Fresno
George Jones	Colorado	End	Raisin Bowl	Fresno
Alfred Dawson	Colorado	Right Half	Raisin Bowl	Fresno

Negro Gridder Set to Play in Big 7

Los Angeles Examiner
Los Angeles Calif

MANHATTAN, Kas., April 12. (AP)—Harold Robinson, 195-pound center, may be the first Negro to play in Big Seven Conference football.

Coach Ralph Graham said the Manhattan, Kas., youth appears the best among the centers now working out at Kansas State College.

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Gene said today he copied it from Bob Lemon. He hopes to have it working along with his two other trumps, a knuckler and a slider.

Texas Negro Coach Uses Strap System

Birmingham Age Herald
Birmingham, Alabama

ORANGE, Texas—W. R. Smith, coach of Wallace High School for Negroes in Orange, uses the "strap system" to make his football plays work. He has compiled one of the finest coaching records in Texas.

When he started coaching he knew only one position on a football team—fullback. Most of his plays are devised after watching children at play or grownups at work.

Last season he had a very successful lateral pass play the movements for which he learned while watching a worker in a cleaning establishment toss clothing into a basket.

The strap system, in case you're unfamiliar with it, is based on the old-fashioned idea that cowhide liberally applied to a boy's bottom is a wonderful aid in helping him remember lessons in discipline—or in the fine art of sidestepping tacklers.

Whatever the merits or disadvantages of the strap system, it drew 40 or the 73 boys in Wallace High out for football last Fall, although all were well-acquainted with the penalty for failure to fulfill an assignment or for breaches of discipline.

Do the parents like it? Well, a number of his players have had the punishment doubled at home for mentioning that they had been on the receiving end of one of Coach Smith's leather lessons.

Jun-5-8-49

A good way to bring down the wrath of any of several thousands fans is to breathe a word of criticism of Coach Smith. This applies equally to whites, who usually outnumber Negro spectators at Wallace football games.

One of the coach's most loyal supporters is Supt. C. O. Chandler of the Orange public school system.

Smith's records as a coach in organized high school athletics for six years consists of six district, two bi-district and one regional championship and one trophy as runner-up for the state championship in football. His basketball teams have won four district titles and have been in the state finals twice.

Which would be quite a record for a former all-around athlete. But Coach Smith isn't an athlete. He is a cripple. A hunting accident in his youth left him with a game leg and cost him his chance for competing with other boys.

Dons sign 4th Negro for '49 squad

Pittsburgh Courier
Los Angeles, Calif.

Big (229 pounds), bruising fullback Earnest Booker, former big train of the Mumport point, N. C. Marine Bruisers, was signed last Tuesday by the Los Angeles Dons, of the All America Conference, as an answer in power and popularity to the AAC champion Cleveland Brown's Marion Motley.

He will report to the Dons training camp next month.

Twenty-four-year-old Booker, a 20.8 century man in his school days, will be the fourth Negro on the Don Squad. The others: rookie George Taliaferro, veteran John Brown, and Len Ford.

G. F. "Counry" Lewis, head football coach at Wilberforce State College, has been selected to the staff of the Ohio High School Coaches Clinic which will be held at Canton, Ohio, the third week in August.

This honor comes to Coach Lewis because of the splendid record of the Wilberforce State College Green Wave, made under his tutorage.

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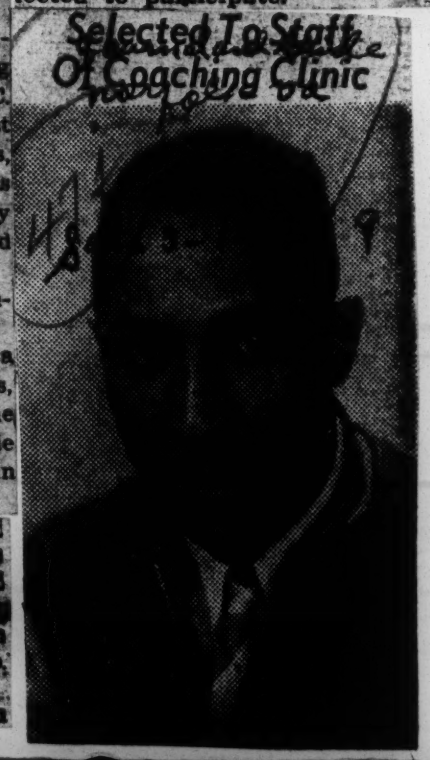
This marks the first time that a head coach at State College, Wilberforce, Ohio has been selected to participate.

Selected To Staff Of Coaching Clinic



Grambling Grid Star Signed By Los Angeles

Norfolk, Va. Jour. & Guide
Sat. 7-23-49

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Football players of Kenny Washington's caliber don't come down the pike every day, but in Paul "Tank" Younger the Los Angeles Rams hope they have snagged a reasonable facsimile of Kenny the Kingfish, who retired last year.

Ram bird dogs went far afield to sign this hometown boy. Younger, who lives with his parents at 3036 Fifth avenue, attended Grambling College in the Louisiana hamlet of the same name.

There he was named as a halfback on the Negro All-American teams in 1947-48. During his four-year career at Grambling he scored 60 touchdowns.

Tank, who is even bigger than Kenny what with 220 pounds draped on his Herculean 6-foot 3-inch frame, received three pro offers at the close of the 48 campaign. Detroit, the New York Yangees of the AAC and the Rams all wanted him.

SAW WASHINGTON PLAY

"I saw Washington play some games for the Rams," Younger said, "and I figured I'd like to play on the same team."

Tank, whom Coach Clark Shaughnessy hopes will introduce tank warfare into the National Football League, has had an extraordinary football career.

He played tackle in high school and in his freshman year at Grambling. His high school team entered college in a body, and Younger played with the same gang for six years.

As a freshman tackle—get that, a tackle — Younger scored 25 touchdowns.

"Our coach had a play where the tackle moved out to end and then came around to carry the ball" he recalls. "It sure was a deceptive play."

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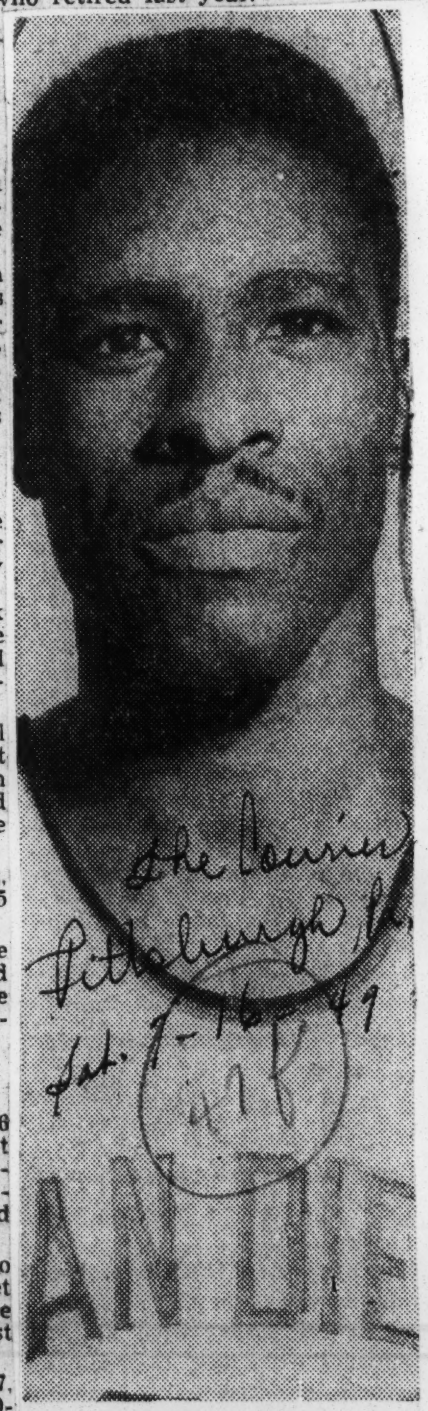
MOVED TO HALFBACK

Tank moved to halfback in 1946 and made good, but definitely, at the job. Coach Shaughnessy, however, intends to try him at fullback although Tank has played only one play at that spot.

However, he'll have another go at fullback when the Rams meet the Washington Redskins at the Coliseum on the night of August 26.

Playing Bishop College in '47, Young and Company won by a 20-7 score. Younger accounted for all his teams points by passing for the first score, running 65 yards for the second and taking off for 75 yards for the third. He kicked the extra points, too.



Signed by Rams—

Willie Steel, popular West Coast athlete, has been signed to a professional football contract by the Los Angeles Rams of the National League. Steel never played varsity football in college, being noted more for his track ability.

L.A. Rams Sign Willie Steele

The Courier
47 Sat. 7-16-49

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Rams signed Willie Steele, 25-year-old 1948 Olympic Games broad-jump champion, who has played but five football games during his collegiate career at San Diego State College.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Steele showed great promise on the grid at San Jose State College in 1942 before joining the Army, following his discharge, he enrolled at San Diego State, but did not come out for the varsity until last fall. After sparkling in early season drills, he suffered a broken leg in the first scrimmage of the season and was out for the rest of the year. Steele weighs 175 pounds and stands five feet eleven inches in height.

Taliaferro to Play In All-Star Game

Black Dispatch
Oklahoma

CHICAGO. — (ANP) — George Taliaferro, elusive triple threat backfield star of the Indiana Hoosiers, will play in the 1949 all star football game at Soldiers' field, Aug. 12.

Sat. 7-9-49

Taliaferro will be one of the college all stars battling the National Pro Football league champion Philadelphia Eagles.

Last season he was a one-man backfield for the Indiana team. He first starred with Indiana as a war-time freshman in 1945. Averaging more than 100 yards per game, he led his school to its only Big Ten football title in its history.

Oklahoma

In 1946 he went to the army, but returned to the gridiron in 1947 and 1948. Injuries and lack of a strong team behind him hampered him from regularly gaining his 1945 form in subsequent years.

Recently he announced that he would forego his last year of college eligibility to play pro porr with the Los Angeles Dons of the All America football conference. Just before signing with the Dons he had become the first Negro player ever drafted by the Chicago Bears of the National league.

Levi Jackson

AWAITING BIG DAY are Levi Jackson, Yale football captain, and his fiancee, Virginia Moore, who will be married April 2

Levi Jackson, Yale Football Captain, Weds

Athletic Squad Members, Many Students Attend; 700 Witness Ceremony

Special to the Herald Tribune

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 2.—Levi Jackson, junior at Yale University, who will captain the football team next fall, married Miss Virginia Lucille Moore at 4 p. m. today in St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church. Their engagement was announced on Christmas Day, 1947.

The wedding was attended by William Perkins, business manager of the Yale Athletic Association, as official representative of the university, and by members of the football and basketball squads as well as many other Yale students.

A crowd of several thousand persons gathered outside the church, which is in the Negro section of New Haven, and police had to clear a path into the church for Miss Moore when she arrived. Seven hundred persons saw the marriage.

After the marriage, a reception was held at Eagle's Hall in New Haven, at which there were 500 guests.

The marriage was performed by the Rev. John Edwards, pastor of the church, and the bride was given in marriage by Charles H. Carl, a friend of the family. Miss Moore lives at 147 Dixwell Street, New Haven, with distant members of her family. Her parents are dead.

Mr. Jackson is the first Negro ever to play football for Yale. His father, George Washington Jackson, was a steward at the Yale Faculty Club for more than thirty years. Levi Jackson was born in New Haven and, when he was a Boy Scout, carried messages at the Yale Bowl.

At Hillhouse High School in New Haven he was unanimous choice for the All-state team two years in a row, receiving more votes than any other scholastic player in history. He served in the Army, reaching the rank of staff sergeant, and entered Yale in 1946. He has since been Yale's most spectacular football player. He is majoring in sociology, psychology and economics. In 1946, he was named New England's outstanding football player by the Gridiron Club, of Boston.

Most recently he has been a vice-chairman of a campaign committee for the 1949 Urban League Fund; a recipient of the John B. Russwurm citation of the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association and of the sports award of the Page One Awards of the New York Newspaper Guild. In 1947 he was named to the Honor Roll of Race Relations of 1946.

Mr. Jackson lives at 85 Rock Creek Road, New Haven, where he and his bride plan to live after their wedding trip. He intends to enter social work after his graduation. Miss Moore, also a native of New Haven, is a secretary in the Yale Department of Anthropology.

LEVI JACKSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Athletic and Citizens' Committee at Yale University, arranging for the testimonial dinner to Levi Jackson that a scholarship fund will be established in honor of the 1948 Yale football captain, The affair will be held in the Hotel Taft on Monday evening, February 14, New Haven, Conn.

Each year a worthy youth at Yale, possessing the attributes of character and sportsmanship exemplified by Jackson, will be the beneficiary of the fund to be set up from the proceeds of the dinner and the donations of sponsors.

Daniel Y. Stewart, chairman of the large committee of members from civic, religious, social and fraternal organizations arranging for the dinner, stated yesterday that already there is a tremendous demand for tickets to the testimonial.

The committee has already received assurances that Governor Chester Bowles and Mayor William C. Celentano will attend the dinner. Either President Charles Seymour or one of the deans of the university will represent Yale, along with officials of the Yale Athletic Association.

ELI FOR LEVI

Governor Among 400 Honoring Yale Star

By JOSEPH B. FISHER JR.

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—In the swank setting of the Hotel Taft ballroom Yale University's first colored football captain was feted at a testimonial dinner last week.

People from all walks of life of the State, to the factory laborer, ranging from the chief executive participated in the affair.

The famed Yale Glee Club opened the program with a few of choice renditions for the gathering of more than 400 people.

After a brief introductory talk by chairman Dan Stewart, Corporation Council leader George DiCenzo, representing the absent mayor of New Haven, whose mother had just died the previous day, took the platform. He asked Levi's mother and father to stand and paid high tribute to them for making possible this splendid example of leadership.

Next, Dean William C. DeVane, representing the executive branch of the University spoke of the history of the Colored people in America as being an epic one, full of tragedy, sorrows and maltreatment. Said the Dean, "An event of this sort could not have happened years ago, I am happy to see it happen now. We in America have come a long way."

Cheer Levi's Marks

He told of the anxiety that is felt in the Dean's office as the grades come in, of how they listen, holding their breath, to the names of those members of the football team whose marks are in good condition. Then with a whoop of joy someone comes in and says Levi's in good condition. "It is a moment of joy I assure you," he said.

New Haven's most outstanding lawyer, George Crawford, spoke next. In his witty yet dignified discourse he showed humorous proof that Jackson would make a capable leader of the Eli eleven with this phraseology: "Back in pre-history times when I was in college, I was told that to be talked to death was a terrible death to die. Our guest, having been talked at, talked to, and talked about, has proven he is fit physically, mentally and morally."

Yale's Director at Athletics Bob Kiputh proclaimed Levi as a good-natured boy who creates an air of good humor whereever he goes. He said it was a great honor to have a boy like Levi identified with Yale's activities, and everyone was exceedingly glad that he made the grade at the University.

Lauded by Coach

Coach Herman Hickman, who is gradually turning his Tennessee accent into a New England one, said that Levi was what they call the "holler guy" of the squad and would make a great Yale captain. Hickman said, "He's one of the boys and one of the boys we're proud of."

Judge Francis Rivers of New York and an old Yale grad said he had seen many thrilling feats accomplished on the gridiron, including the time that Fritz Pollard defeated Yale almost single-handed, but his greatest thrill came when Levi ran 86 yards through the entire Columbia team in 1946 and though he finished Columbia law school he had not one shred of feeling for Columbia at the time. He said he hoped that these speeches would not hamper Levi's endurance for that game next November with Harvard, and he hoped that Levi would give them the thing that all Yale men dream of, a victory over Harvard.

Governor Speaks

The Governor of Connecticut, Chester Bowles, also an old grad, told of the many interesting things he has seen at Yale but none of them have given him any greater thrills than Levi has. Said the Governor, "I have three children, age nine, ten and eleven, and you, Levi, are their idol. They like football players more than politicians. I only wish I had been made the center of this great attraction, he began to compliment. As I stand here tonight in appreciation, I wish to express my gratitude. I would like to express thanks to a man who aided me terrifically, Reggie Root.

"All Reggie said about Yale is true. I know there have been better students, but I know there has never been a person who is more appreciative. All I can say is thank you very

ADMITS NEGRO STUDENT TO EXCLUSIVE YALE FRAT

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 20—(Special)—Another Negro student, and star athlete—of Yale University—has been honored by admittance to Yale's most exclusive honorary society, and—as in the case of two other leading universities—becomes the first member of his race ever to be so honored. Amherst and Rutgers were the other two universities to honor Negro students in their exclusive societies.

The honored Yale student, is 22-year-old Levi Jackson, who accepted membership in Berzelius during Yale's tradional Tap-Day ceremonies after turning down bids from Skull and Bones and Scroll and Key societies.

Jackson is Yale's backfield football star, whose father was for 30-years a steward at the Yale Faculty Club. The extent of the honor bestored upon young Jackson may be jjudged from the fact that his selection was one of ninety from a mong 800.

Tapped: Turning down bids from Skull and Bones and Scroll and Key, both exclusive senior societies at Yale, Negro football captain LEVI JACKSON was tapped for and accepted membership in Berzelius, a third senior society formed in 1848. The son of GEORGE WASHINGTON JACKSON, a steward at the Yale Faculty Club for 30 years, Levi has been an outstanding football player and good scholar.

Levi Jackson Takes A Wife

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Levi Jackson, captain of Yale University's football team, and guard on the basketball squad, was married to the former Miss Virginia Lucille Moore in St. Luke's Episcopal Church here, April 2.

They had been engaged for more than a year. Miss Moore is a secretary in the university's Human Relations Institute. Jackson is the first Negro gridder at Yale, and the first to be eleced captain of a varsity team.

Many members of the football team, and scores of campus "fans" stayed on after the spring vacation started to witness the ceremonies performed by the Rev. John Edwards.

Jackson was scheduled to appear in Chicago, April 7, for a testimonial banquet and reception, arranged by two children's clubs with the aid of the **Chicago Defender** and a citizens' committee.

Yale Seniors Tap Jackson For High Campus Honors

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Although Tap Day has been held at Yale University for more than 100 years without much outside interest, dozens of persons were on hand to witness the event last Thursday. They were there to see what was to happen to Levi Jackson, Yale football captain. Jackson received a coveted campus social honor by becoming a member of Berzelius, one of six secret societies.

The 22-year-old backfield star was tapped to join Yale's two oldest senior-societies — Skull and Bones and Scroll and Key—but he declined the invitation to accept membership in Berzelius. He is the first colored student ever to captain a Yale team and one of the school's outstanding scholars.

FIRST COLORED CAPTAIN

It is believed that Mr. Jackson is the first colored student ever chosen for one of the societies, but this could not be confirmed because of the reluctance of society members to discuss the event.

Levi Jackson Is Featured In "Look" With Sports Views

New York, Oct. 11—Levi Alexander Jackson, captain of Yale University's 1949 football team, is the latest in the rapidly increasing number of American Negroes to achieve outstanding success in the world of sports. But like his renowned contemporaries, Joe Louis and Jackie Robinson, he, too, had to cope with broad, yet subtle challenge, says an article entitled "Levi Jackson At Yale" in the current issue of Look.

While Yale is considered among the more democratic of large eastern universities, it is not wholly devoid of sacrosanctity. And, according to Look, the coming of the first Negro football player drew a few well-bred grimaces from alumni, students and officials. The reactionary rumbles grew louder when Jackson got elected captain of the Yale football squad and was tapped last May for Berzelius, senior honor society. These precedent scattering moves prompted some diehard Old Blue-and New Blues, too-to harrumph and wonder, by Gad, if this were quite the thing to do at New Haven.

But Jackson, who has both high intelligence and warm personality to go with his talent on the gridiron, used the same formula that tided him successfully over previous "situations" in life—"I'll just be myself," he decided and it has worked out well.

Levi's reckless, high-keen-action running invites the leg injuries that have dogged him since high school days. Yet, he has lived adequately up to his advance billing at Yale. This year, coach Herman Hickman has his fingers crossed and hopes that Levi will hold together.

Whether he does or not, concludes Look, he has been a thorough success at Yale.

Levi Jackson, like Jackie, Joe, has just been himself

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YALE BACK CIRCLING FOR A 24-YARD GAIN AGAINST HARVARD

Nadherny carrying the ball in the opening period of game at Yale Bowl. Jackson, Eli captain, is providing interference

JACKSON ELI STAR

Negro Captain Registers the First Two Tallies Against the Crimson

NADHERNY ALSO CROSSES

Harvard Gets Its Marker After a March of 72 Yards —61,000 in Yale Bowl

By ALLISON DANZIG

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 19—Yale players hoisted 300-pound Herman Hickman to their shoulders today in celebration of their 29-6 victory over Harvard, the first Big Three triumph the Elis have gained for their coach in his two years of tenure.

Captain Levi Jackson, Yale's first Negro football leader in history, carried the smiling, tremendously popular Hickman on his back until he staggered under the load.

Then his team-mates, led by Jim Fuchs, lifted Jackson aloft amid cheers, and Levi well deserved the tribute after one of his finest performances in the closing game of his college career.

It was Jackson, running with the old time speed and drive of his days as a New Haven High School idol, after being hobbled most of the season with a calcified ankle, who scored Yale's first two touchdowns. He also turned in one of his most notable punting jobs in averaging 43 yards as 61,000 spectators looked on in nipping cold weather in the bowl.

Makes a Dazzling Run

His first score came on a dazzling 34-yard sprint, to put the Elis ahead by 7—0 in the opening quarter at the end of a 52-yard march in five plays.

Two minutes and six seconds after the second period had got under way Jackson was going across again, on a 7-yard pass from quarterback Stu Tisdale, after he and Ferdinand (The Bull) Nadherny and Tisdale had carried the ball forty-two yards in eight running plays, beginning late in the opening quarter.

That was the first of three times that the Elis tallied in this second period.

A blocked kick provided two more points on a safety as Tackle Ed Emerson rushed in to smother Carroll Lowenstein's punt, the ball rolling back some twenty yards over the end-zone line.

On Its Way Again

Harvard had no sooner kicked off from its 20, following the safety, than Yale was on its way to its next touchdown, and this time it was Nadherny, the ailing fullback who had carried the ball only twelve times in five previous games and who suffered a knee injury during the week, who scored. In four plays Yale went 57 yards for this touchdown after Jackson had returned Charley Roche's kick-off 15. Bob Raines, the flanker all afternoon in Hickman's Y formation version of the T, came back across to take the ball and sprint 47 yards. He had the aid of a fine block by Joe Finnegan, and The Bull took it from there in three tries.

Leading by 23—0 at the intermission, Yale failed to score in the third quarter, although it went 74 yards to Harvard's 4 and lost the ball on downs as Tisdale's fourth-down pass was knocked aside in the end zone by Carl Bottenfield.

It was not until Harvard had broken into the scoring column early in the final period on a 72-yard advance that the Elis came back to tally once again and bring their total of points to within two of the highest number they have garnered against Harvard since 1884.

Paul Shafer, replacing John West, who had been the offensive fullback throughout the first half, and Jim Noonan, in for Roche at tail back, gave Harvard a lift it had not had since almost the start of the game and engineered the 72-yard drive in ten plays. With Wingback Hal Moffie also contributing on reverses, they split the Yale defenses, which had been so adamant all afternoon, and Noonan went 11 yards around his right end for the score.

The Harvard stands broke into tumultuous cheering as Noonan went over. It was one of the few times they had anything to get excited about during the afternoon, so thoroughly had Yale squelched the Crimson attack. And it had seemed that the Cantabs' marvelous band would have to take whatever honors accrued to them for the cold, wintry day.

But if the men of Harvard had any hopes that their valiants on the field would salvage the victory, with over ten minutes remaining to play after Noonan's score, Yale blasted them by going for it final tally.

With a second-string backfield running the attack and substitutes manning the line, the Elis went 39 yards in eight plays. Ed Senay, who has been out most of the season, accounted for most of the distance, and it fell to Jim

Fuchs to go across from the 1 after he had sped 13 yards on a Statue of Liberty play.

Fuchs, too, was among the many backs who had been injured during the season, and for a good part of the campaign his activities had been confined to kicking-off. Olympic Jim, holder of the world record for the shotput, tallied for the first time against Harvard in his varsity career, which came to an end gloriously after being plagued year after year by ailments.

One other member of the Yale casualty list came in for a moment of recognition as the kick for the extra point was attempted. Dale Liechty, who was the starting fullback in September but was lost through a light attack of polio after the opening game, was sent out on the field in his uniform.

Honor Paid to Liechty

The Yale players rushed to welcome Liechty and shake his hand, and cheers greeted him from the stands. Liechty was in the line-up during the kick, which failed, but he was stationed well out to the right, where there would be no danger of any contact, and he left the field immediately after.

Another of Yale's injured fullbacks was never in evidence. This was Bob Spears, the big sophomore who suffered a wrenched knee ni the Princeton game and may have to undergo an operation. Spears had been so valuable on the defense in backing up the line, as well as on the attack, that it was thought his absence might be the difference between victory and defeat for the Elis today.

But the Yale defense was wonderfully strong, as it had been for the most part against Princeton. The great work of ends Hal Labonte and Alex McAfee, Bob Jablonski, Emerson and the backers-up, Charley Masters, Tony Decamp and Dave Prince, stopped the Crimson attack from the single wing, the Minnesota single wing and the unbalanced T almost throughout the afternoon.

Harvard, which ended its most disastrous season in history, with one victory and eight defeats, also suffered cruelly from injuries throughout the season. It was almost wrecked in its opening game with Stanford and never completely recovered.

It was in better shape today than it had been in weeks, though a half dozen of its ablest workers were absent or in only fair condition, but Yale was too tough on the defense.

Jackson, Raines and Nadherny ran as seldom before this season behind a line that opened for them on the flanker plays and with the help of blocking that was more decisive than was provided the Crimson carriers.

Stars on the Defense

Houston, labeled as a sure all-American before the start of the season, but laid up for weeks with his Stanford injury, turned in a fine performance on the defense, and on the attack as well, at guard.

Phil Eisenberg did his usual good job as backer-up and Bottenfield was a conspicuous figure until he was carried off injured at the start of the final quarter.

Noonan, Shafer, Bill Henry, Roche, Moffie and West all performed well and Sophomore Lowenstein played brilliantly at the start.

A surprise starter, in the backfield, Lowenstein led an attack that carried 46 yards in four plays from the opening kick-off to Yale's 30. One of the four was a pass by Lowenstein to Henry for 11 yards and on another West spun and went 35 yards.

Statistics of the Game

	Yale	H'vrd
First downs	14	17
Yards gained, rushing	312	222
Forward passes	8	12
Forwards completed	3	5
Yards gained, forwards	27	38
Forwards intercepted by	3	0
Number of punts	5	7
*Av. dist. of punts, yds.	43	30
Runback of punts, yds.	46	4
Fumbles	1	3
Own fumbles recovered	1	2
Penalties	2	4
Yards lost, penalties	18	20

*From line of scrimmage.

Yale Recovers Fumble

It was an auspicious start for Harvard, but after a penalty had been called on the Crimson, Bob Diblasio fumbled after taking a pass from Henry and Bud Philipp recovered for Yale.

Harvard faded out of the picture after that piece of misfortune. It never made a threat again until the closing minutes of the half, when it went 38 yards to midfield and Dick Bowers intercepted a pass.

By that time Yale had the game won, with 23 points, and Harvard's rally in the second half, in which it gained 154 yards along the ground, as against 68 in the first half, was to no avail.

The line-up:

YALE (29)

Left Ends—LaBonte, Setear, McQuade, McAfee.
Left Tackles—Emerson, Finnegan, Vorys, Downey
Left Guards—E. Philipp, Frank, Gorman.
Centers—Masters, Potter, Lovejoy, Carr, Prince.
Right Guards—Jablonski, Fasano, Bishop.
Right Tackles—Clemens, Anderson, R. Phillips.
Right Ends—Quackenbush, Gant.
Quarterbacks—Davis, Tisdale, Robertson, Peters.
Left Halfbacks—Naffziger, Jackson, Senay, L. Phillips, Liechty.
Right Halfbacks—Raines, Bowers, McDermott.
Fullbacks—Nadherny, Decamp, Fuchs, Keller.

HARVARD (6)

Left Ends—DiBlasio, Hyde, Ray, Leavitt.
Left Tackles—Bradlee, Davis, Guidera, Houston.
Left Guards—Houston, Butler, Kanter.
Centers—O'Brien, Glynn, O'Leary.
Right Guards—Davis, Coan, Rosenau, Connelly, Stensrud.
Right Tackles—Bender, Sedgwick, Wilson.
Right Ends—Mazzone, Ravreby, Rohn.
Quarterbacks—Henry, Isenberg, Edmonds.
Left Halfbacks—Lowenstein, Roche, Noonan, Warden, Kenary, Bolster.
Right Halfbacks—Moffie, Athans, Healey.
Fullbacks—West, Shafer, Bottenfield, Mauran.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Yale	7	16	0	6	—29
Harvard	0	0	0	6	— 6

Touchdowns—Jackson 2, Nadherny, Fuchs, Noonan. Safety (against Harvard). Points after touchdown—Palmer 3.
Referee—William T Halleran. Umpire Leonard Dobbins, Fordham. Linesman—Charles G. Eckles, W. & J. Field Judge—John F. James Jr., Princeton.

Levi Jackson Stars for Yale

Eli Captain Closes Brilliant Grid Career

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Levi Jackson closed out his collegiate in November, 1944, J. Harvey football career in a blaze of glory here Saturday as Yale defeated Harvard, 29-6, for their first Big Three Triumph in two years.

Jackson, first colored captain in the long history of Yale football, helped his teammates hoist 300-pound Coach Herman Hickman on their shoulders in celebration of the victory.

When they wilted under the strain of the poundage, the Yale playeds put Hickman down and lfted Jackson to their shoulders amid the cheers of the 61,000 fans who jammed the Yale Bowl.

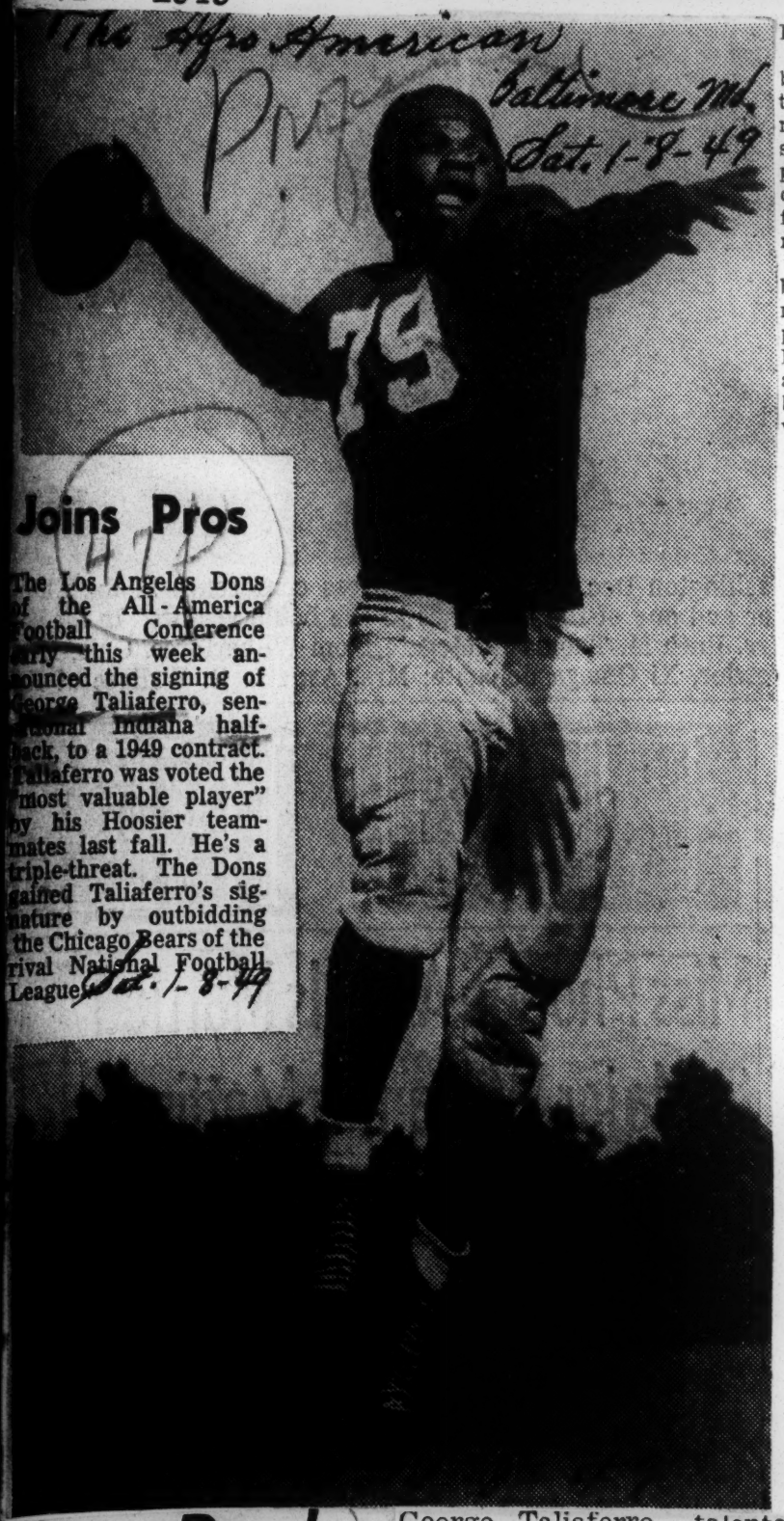
Scores 2 Touchdowns

It was a big day for Levi. Shackled most of the season with a calcified anke, Jackson ran and kicked like the Levi Jackson of yesteryears as he led the Bulldogs to the significant victory.

The Yale captain scored the Bulldogs' first two touchdowns and punte dfor an amazing average of 43 yeards.

Jackson's first touchdown came on a dazzling 34-yard sprint which climaxed a 52-yard sustained drive made in five plays. This was a first quarter tally.

In the second period, Jackson took a 7-yard pass from Quarterback Stu Tisdale for his second touchdown. The payoff peg culminated a 42-yard drive in eight plays during which Jackson, Tisdale and Ferdinand (The Bull) Nadherny did the ball carrying.



Joins Pros

The Los Angeles Dons of the All-America Football Conference early this week announced the signing of George Taliaferro, sensational Indiana halfback, to a 1949 contract. Taliaferro was voted the "most valuable player" by his Hoosier teammates last fall. He's a triple-threat. The Dons gained Taliaferro's signature by outbidding the Chicago Bears of the rival National Football League. Sat. 1-8-49

Star Back Abandons Chi Bears

Pittsburg Courier
Pittsburg Pa.

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Dons of the All-America Football Conference announced the signing of George Taliaferro, talented Indiana University triple threat back early this week. Terms were not disclosed.

The announcement came as a distinct surprise in many quarters, as Taliaferro had already been drafted by the Chicago Bears of the National League. Bear owner, George Halas, was jubilant over his choice and predicted that Taliaferro would become one of the greatest halfbacks in pro football. Taliaferro is 20 years old and scales 190 pounds. His home is in Gary, Ind.

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For the past two seasons he has been chosen on the All-Big Nine team. He was named Indiana's most valuable player this past season. As a freshman, Taliaferro paced Indiana to a conference championship in 1945. He won conference acclaim and All-American mention.

At The Courier's Sports Award banquet in 1946, he was named the most outstanding collegiate football player of the year. Coach Jimmy Phelan plans to use Taliaferro along with Glenn Dobbs at the tailback position in the Don single-wing offense.

Dons Outbid Bears For Taliaferro

Mon-1-3-49 Daily Worker
New York N.Y. Mon. 1-3-49

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Speedy George Taliaferro, Indiana University's great Negro triple-threat back, has signed to play with the Los Angeles Dons of the All-America pro football All-America Conference.

The Dons outbid the Chicago Bears for the 190-pound tailback who was responsible for two-thirds of Indiana's total yardage last season. He was named the Hoosier's Most Valuable Player for 1948.

Coach Jimmy Phelan of the Dons said Taliaferro will operate at tailback to spell Glenn Dobbs. "Taliaferro will enable us to give Glenn a little rest," said Phelan, "and at the same time keep our offensive moving in high gear." 1-3-49

Owner-coach George Halas of the Chi Bears, who lost to the Dons in a bidding batle, said Taliaferro was the first Negro player ever drafted by the Bears . . . "and is the first I've felt could make the Bears' team." 1-3-49

Perhaps Halas never heard the names of Marion Motley and Bill Willis, the two Negro stars who've helped make the Cleveland Browns the unofficial champions of all pro football.

was star defensive back in the Michigan two platoon system.

Last year he was dogged by an early season injury which kept him from reaching the all American heights predicted for him by the sports writers.

Derricotte is 23 years old, 5 feet 11 inches tall, and weighs 180 lbs While at Michigan the great halfback maintained a high scholastic average. He is equally good at passing, kicking, or running on offense but particularly good on pass defense. 1-17-49

Richard Boykin Inks $4000 Pro Contract

Philadelphia Tribune Philadelphia Pa.
Sat. 1-8-49

Signed by McMillen After Long Conference; To Report to Lions' Summer Training Camp.

Richard Boykin, a gridiron star who never attended college was signed to play professional ball in the National Football League recently by the Detroit Lions. The jet-propelled fullback was a school boy wonder at Ironton High in Ohio, two seasons ago, when he was acclaimed one of the best grid performers in the Buckeye State. 1-1-49

Boykin penned the contract calling for a starting salary of $4,000 annually—after a long conference with Lion Coach "Bo" McMillen at Detroit. The 200-pound fullback will report to the Lions' camp near Detroit in the early summer to begin conditioning.

When Boykin was considering entering college, he had several conferences with McMillen who the latter was head coach at the University of Indiana. Now that McMillen is in the pro loop and Boykin has abandoned all plans of attending college, McMillen sought out the big gridder and made him a member of the Lions.

The contract was made by Tim Temeraico, assistant coach under McMillen. He called Boykin by phone recently and made arrangements for the conference at Detroit.

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Boykin was considered one of the best football players ever to attend Ironton high during his four-year stay with the Tigers. He started his career as an end, but switched to the backfield in his junior year.

After his senior year, during which he sparked the Tigers to a highly successful season, Boykin was named to the Associated Press All-Ohio team as a fullback.

He played backfield for the Ironton Bengals during the past two seasons, and this past campaign was named a member of the Big Six State Conference All-Star team.

Taliafero Signs With L. A. Dons

Los Angeles Sentinel
Los Angeles Calif.

LOS ANGELES, Ca., Jan. 2—George Taliafero, Indiana ace halfback, has signed with the Los Angeles Dons of the All-America Pro football league it was announced by the club.

The announcement didn't disclose the price, but the consensus

August 12 against the National league football champion Philadelphia Eagles. 7-17-49

Gene Derricote Joins College All-Star Team

Daily Worker
New York N.Y.

Derricotte of Indiana who became a member two weeks ago. Derricotte will play pro ball for the champion Cleveland Browns of the All American conference.

Michigan flash first starred Michigan in 1944 as a freshman the next two years he was in army. Late in 1946 he returned to the squad. In 1947 he

that George Taliaferro all right himself. There had been a financial tug-of-war for the star between the Dons and the Chicago Bears of the National league. Taliafero was voted the most valuable man on the Indiana squad this season and is expected to give the Dons what they lacked the backfield this past season.

CHICAGO —(ANP)— Star halfback for the champion Cleveland Browns in the National football league, joins the College All-Stars squad for the 16th annual game at Soldiers' field here on

Taliaferro Named to Play With College All Stars

CHICAGO — (ANP) — George Taliaferro, elusive triple threat backfield star of the Indiana Hoosiers, will play in the 1949 all-star football game at Soldier's Field, Aug. 12.

Taliaferro will be one of the college all stars battling the National Pro Football league champion Philadelphia Eagles.

Last season he was a one-man backfield for the Indiana team. He first starred with Indiana as a wartime freshman in 1945. Averaging more than 100 yards per game, he led his school to its only Big Ten football title in its history.

In 1946 he went to the Army, but returned to the gridiron in 1947 and 1948. Injuries and lack of a strong team behind him hampered him from ever regaining his 1945 form in subsequent years.

Recently he announced that he would forego his last year of college eligibility to play pro ball with the Los Angeles Dons of the All-America football conference. Just before signing with the Dons he had become the first colored player ever drafted by the Chicago Bears of the National league.

Derricotte Adds Name to All Stars

CHICAGO.—(ANP)—Star halfback Gene Derricotte headed a six-man contingent from the national champion Michigan Wolverines who joined the college all stars squad last week. They will play in the 16th annual game at Soldiers' Field, Aug. 12 against the National League football champion Philadelphia Eagles.

Derricotte becomes the second colored star to join the squad. George Taliaferro of Indiana became a member two weeks ago. Derricotte will play pro ball for the champion Cleveland Browns of the All-American conference.

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Six Negro Rookies, 11 Vets Help Usher In 'Golden' Football Season

By CHUCK DAVIS

Two years ago, professional football was the great example of democracy in sports, with more Negroes in that game on interracial teams than in any other.

Baseball has taken over the number lead in player strength, but football still offers great opportunities for those who can make the grade. The opening of the 1949 All-America and National seasons, found 11 Negroes on eight teams in the two loops, playing for pay.

Twice that number tried out at training camps and were found less skilled than the men who finally made the rosters.

Among the 11, are 11 veterans of one or more seasons, and six rookies. Nearly all of the veterans have distinguished themselves at their positions, such as Marion Motley, who made All-Pro fullback at Cleveland; Bill Willis, All-League guard on the same team, and Joe Perry, who tied a league record of scoring TD's in nine straight games for San Francisco.

ONLY TWO DROPPED

Out of the crop of Negro gridders who finished last season in the league, only two have been dropped this year. They are Tom Casey, who could not adjust to the altered formation of the New York Yankees, and Linwood Sexton, halfback of Los Angeles. Of the 11 backs now with the Dons, only two are holdovers from last year's team.

Among the new crop of rookies are at least three who stack up as standout players. Tank Younger has won an offensive berth as left half for the Los Angeles Rams, and a defensive berth as fullback. George Taliaferro set up four touchdowns in the second half of the Los Angeles Dons' opening game, for his pro debut. He set up two more in his second appearance, and was hitting receivers with deadly accuracy before he retired with an injury.

Wally Triplett has showed the speed and deceptiveness that Bo McMillan's Detroit Lions need so badly. The other rookies, Paul Patterson of the Chicago Hornets, Sherman Howard of the New York Yankees, and Ben Whaley of the Dons, can be depended on for good accounts.

MOST ARE BACKS

Most of the Negro players in the pro ranks are backs. They range in size from Wally Triplett's 175 pounds to Marion Motley's 230. By position, there are three ends, Horace Gillom, Cleveland; Len Ford, L. A. Dons, and Bob Mann, Detroit. The tackle position has two representatives following the shift of Cleveland's Willis. The other is Bob Mike of San Francisco. Ben Whaley of the Dons is the only Negro guard in the top pro ranks.

John Brown is the lone Negro center, holding that spot for the Dons. In the fullback slot are Motley, Cleveland; Sherman Howard of the N. Y. Yanks, Paul "Tank" Younger of the Rams, and George Taliaferro, swing wing tailback of the Dons.

Halfbacks are Triplett; Mel Groomes of Dertoit; Joe Perry of the 49'ers; Emlen Tunnell of the New York Giants; Patterson, and the top star among the Negro halfbacks, Buddy Young of the Yanks.

WITH DIXIE TEAM

In the pro ranks other than the big two, is a generous sprinkling of Negroes, some in the U. S., and a few in Canada. Most outstanding so far this season is Fred "Cannonball" Cooper of the Richmond Rebels of the American League. He is the first Negro to play on a southern team in that loop.

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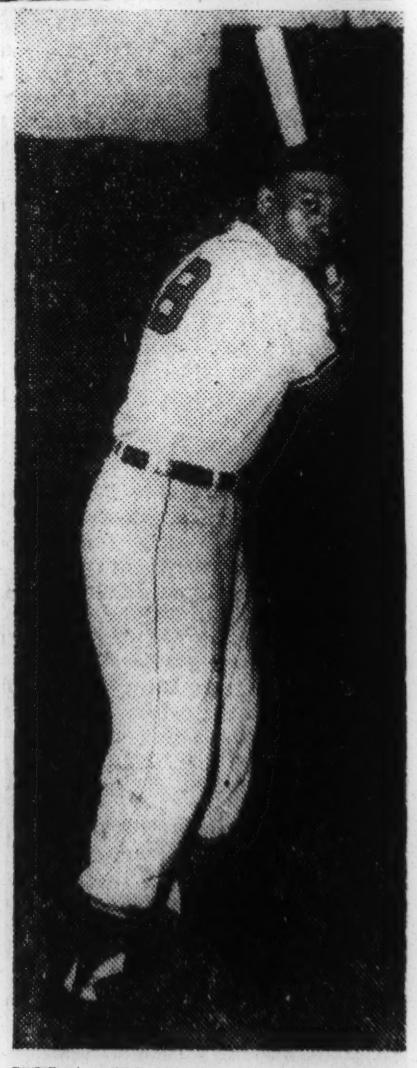
This year promises to be an exceptional one in pro football. Almost every team in both leagues has improved with the Chicago Hornets as the surprise squad. With the game broken down in specialized departments, the fans will see more football and more action than say 10 years ago. Only three squads in the two major loops—Pittsburgh, the Hornets and the Dons—still cling to the single wing formation, so the T formation and the Split T, as played by Philadelphia, will keep the game wide open and explosive from gun to gun.

The day of the 60-minute player has definitely gone, and with it the day when a two-touchdown margin was a safe lead.

The advantage is all the fans'. They see more action, and because of the way runners are "sprung" from the T formation and because of the heavy aerial attack, they will know more of where the ball is going and when.



WHA' HOPPEN? Large Luke Easter may be asking himself this question — the one the fans are asking about him since he failed to come through with the big stick for the sagging Cleveland Indians.

Kenny Washington Sings Swan Song

By EDWIN B. HENDERSON

WE IN the East know only too little about the sepia athletes on the Pacific Coast. Colored boys perform on many of the crack high school, college and pro-teams. On December 12, an outstanding honor was paid to that great all-around athlete, Kenny Washington, whom we saw perform here when the Rams knocked off the Redskins in Washington, D. C.

Of course, the press carried some of the details of the Kenny Washington day when, during the game with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Kenny was the recipient of a new Ford sedan, an Emerson television set, $500 towards the education of little Kenny, a beautiful ring featuring a football and an inset of a Ram's Head, and many other trophies and the throaty roar of thousands as he ended his athletic career.

We quote in our column a few excerpts from some of the comments from the papers of the far West:

Dean B. Cromwell, of whom too much good from our point of view cannot be said, wrote:

"We said goodbye to a superb athlete yesterday, to a gentleman, a sportsman and a credit to the teams, schools and coaches he has represented. Kenny Washington deserved all the cheers, testimonials, and gifts he received at the Coliseum in his farewell appearance, and then some. I think he's tops.

"It's unfortunate he never got a chance to break away yesterday. He repaid the fans who had come out to honor him by working as hard as he could at the game, putting in every bit of effort of which he was capable. He ball-hawked all over the field. He tackled as though the national title was hanging on each play. He carried the ball 10 times and turned in the second best total gain of any back on the field. Kenny won letters in football, baseball, track and boxing at UCLA. He was truly a great baseball player, just in case anybody had forgotten it. He outbatted Jackie Robinson by dozens of percentage points, and is the only man who has ever hit a home run out of the Stanford Baseball Park.

"All through the years it has been a pleasure to watch him perform. His marvelous individual ability, combining his speed and fine timing with that wonderful muscular coordination, didn't prevent him from being a fine team player well liked by his teammates . . . Kenny's swan song yesterday was characteristic of the splendid career he has just closed, a career of public service to Southern California's sport fans: 'I want you to know that your cheers and applause always went to my heart, not my head,' he said . . . "

Dick Nash, another writer, said of Kenny's response to the honors bestowed on him, "It was as eloquent and sincere a response as I have ever heard from the lips of any athlete."

Elaine St. Johns said: "For 16 years a Negro mother has closed her eyes with grim determination to that great American game of football. Sixteen years since her son, a scrawny knock-kneed kid began to play in high school. Yesterday at Los Angeles Coliseum, 46 year old Marian Washington heard her son, Kenny, acclaimed as an athlete, a gentleman, a scholar. She saw for the first time the game that won for him that recognition. And the fans sitting close to her have seen the dignity that made Kenny Washington . . .

"She kept thinking of Kenny's old gang at the Downey playground over near Lincoln Heights. Those kids learned Americanism together. They learned fair play, loyalty, honesty. They never heard, she said, of racial discrimination. One for all and all for one under the banner of sports. That is the banner Kenny Washington has carried high. The banner he is passing onto his seven-year-old son, Kenny Jr."

Every sports page in California paid tribute to this stalwart athlete. His example will be emulated by many. Someday, here in Washington, such tributes will be paid to our sepia lads who are like Kenny Washington.

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B'ham Group Forms Golf Organization

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Twenty-six persons met in Masonic Temple Wednesday night and formed the Magic City Golf Club which will sponsor the Magic City Golf Course at Goldwire and Second.

E. G. Boggus was named chairman of the group. Other members were Dr. E. W. Taggart, A. G. Gaston, M. H. Jones, Sam Mitchell, Haywood Askew, C. W. Askew, Oscar Bailey, Frank Stewart, H. C. Scarlett, Ben Jones, James Ramesey, Oscar Johnson, Jessie Lee, William Duncan, Humphry Mike, R. Broach, R. Wisnant, Giles Williams and Teady Dunn.

Negroes get to use Miami golf course

Los Angeles Calif.
Los Angeles Tribune

MIAMI, Fla. — To duck a court action which it was almost certain to lose, Miami, through its city manager O. P. Hart, last week let down the bars and allowed Negroes the use of the city-owned Miami Springs golf course.

Hart 3-7-43

The threatened suit was about to be instituted last September when the department of parks and recreation staved off the action with a promise that Negro golfers would be allowed the use of a course, then under construction, three days a week. The project was never completed, and interested Negro citizens started talking up the suit again last month, result of which was last week's concession to them.

However, Miami's Advisory Golf Course committee has in mind a solution a little more palatable for white golfers. Said committeeman Harley D. Lassiter: "I think with a little pressure we can get a course built exclusively for Negroes, to be operated by them, and the future of which will depend entirely on their management and support."

MIAMI — Negro leaders last week filed suit against the city of Miami for unrestricted permission to use the city-owned golf course whenever they chose. This action came after Negroes protested being allowed use of the facility one day per week, Monday. Barring this, they threatened to sell the course.

Pittsburgh Courier
Sat 5-11-43

Limit Negro Golf Players To 1 Day

MIAMI, Fla.—Negro golfers here must be content with the one day allotted them on the links, according to the ruling made by Circuit Judge Charles Carroll.

Joseph Rice had sued the city, charging that the one-day-a-week provision made by the manager of the municipal golf course violated the constitutional rights of Negroes.

The judge said the golf course lost patronage when Negroes played, and the loss in revenue would finally close the club if such a policy were maintained.

Interior Today

...nsegregation on Publinx ...oted by Recreation Board

By Jack Walsh
Post Reporter

The D. C. Recreation Board yesterday announced unanimous ap... a recommendation to run the public golf courses on a non-...regated basis as it renewed efforts to wrest operating control of ... from the Department of In-...rior.

It was the first time in the seven-...r history of the seven-member ... that a formal vote had been ... on racial policy.

...rry S. Wender, chairman, in ...ncing the poll, said it had ... taken because of the per-...ent press reports that the non-...regation factor was the main ...on that Interior would not re-...quish the public golf courses to ... Recreation Board.

...d Wender, "I certainly ...ught I made it clear in earlier ...ssions with the Interior De-...tment that we'd follow its racial ... This unanimous action ... eliminate any ghosts, take ... all ifs, ands, buts and make ... intentions crystal-clear."

...Wender and two other members ... the special committee on con-...sions will attend a meeting this ...ternoon with C. Girard David-..., Assistant Secretary of In-...rior, to discuss further the whole ...mplicated golf problem.

...Davidson, who has been at his ..., 3407 O st., nw., recuperating ... a tonsillectomy, had little ...mment to make yesterday.

He said, "I'm making a special ...rt to meet this committee and ...'ll be happy to see it. I'd rather ... discuss the matter now. I think ...e's been too much talking to ... newspapers by the parties in-...ved and not enough talking to ... other."

...Actually, formal notification of ...racial policy is only a prelim-...ry step for the Recreation ...rd.

...Wender admitted yesterday that ...hardly is in any position to ... over in the near future. A ...ble sum would be needed to ... for the equipment of Interior's ...resent concessionaire, S. G. ...ller, s... Wender wouldn't even hazard a ... as to what the amount would ... However, he felt sure that ...gress would appropriate any ...essary funds.

"We're not trying to do this ... immediately," Wender ex-...ned. "We've waited seven years ... tion Board, called the report "biased" and "purposely embarrassing to the Interior Department."

There's a strong chance that the report will be made public shortly. A special subcommittee of the House Public Lands Committee had its first meeting yesterday and made plans for its investigation of the public golf setup in the District.

Representative Monroe M. Redden (D., N.C.), chairman of the six-man subcommittee, expects to start public hearings next week.

and another year or two won't matter. What we are striving for is to see that the board controls all recreation in the District.

"That's what Congress created it for and that's what seems to me the common-sense way of doing things."

Reminded of Interior's criticism of the Recreation Board's general segregation policy, Wender admitted that yesterday's action related to golf only.

The fiery 41-year-old attorney said: "In my personal opinion, eventually there will be no segregation in Washington. And I'm for that. But I believe in taking a realistic view of this involved and explosive program.

"We're proceeding slowly and carefully. We think it's the best way." Washington DC

It isn't clear just what the Recreation Board's special committee hopes to accomplish at today's meeting. The group, consisting of Wender, James E. Schwab and Mrs. Alice C. Hunter, last conferred with Assistant Secretary Davidson on March 10.

At that time, they left with Davidson an "explosive" report criticizing the favorable terms of the contracts given Leoffler, who has been the Interior Department's concessionaire since 1921. His last contract expired last December 31.

Despite the meeting and the report, four days later Davidson announced the Interior Department's intention of renewing a five-year agreement with Leoffler.

The following day, five members of the board engaged in a heated discussion with the committee finally voting 2-1 not to make its "secret" report public at that time. Part of the compromise arrived at was to arrange the further meeting with Davidson.

Schwab, who did most of the work on the figures in the report, wanted to make it public. Wender and Mrs. Hunter voted to withhold action and insisted that it was matter for a vote by the entire board. Thur 3-24-49

Irving C. Root, superintendent of the Interior's National Capital Parks and a member of the Recrea-

Knoxville Negroes Golf on 'Their Day'

The Courier
Pittsburgh Pa.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Still unsuccessful in their efforts to establish their right to play on the municipal golf course, Knoxville Negroes have finally won their "day" at municipally owned Chilhowee Park.

Effective next week, every Thursday will be "Negro Day" at Chilhowee Park, Welfare Director Ira McCollister has announced, following conferences with other city officials to consider requests formally presented to City Council by a Negro delegation.

Monday was first set as the day for Negroes to use Chilhowee Park, but they protested and later accepted Thursday as more convenient. Sat 6-11-49

GIVEN RUN-AROUND

The city can claim to have been neither liberal nor generous in its handling of the request for playing privileges at municipally-owned Whittle Springs Golf Course. The petitioners are being given the run-around.

Officially, Welfare Director McCollister and Recreation Director Pouk Crumbliss have the request "under advisement." Unofficially, they have put out the word that "there are not enough Negroes interested in golf to make the move worthwhile."

Nearest golf course facility for Negroes is a partially completed nine-hole course at Alcoa, home of the huge Aluminum Company of America plant.

Knoxville maintains but one municipal park for Negroes, who make up 18 per cent of the city's 210,000 population. This one—Leslie Street Park—features the Edward Cothran swimming pool, named after a Negro war hero.

Boy Golf Wizard Wins Joe's Help

The Defender
Chicago Ill.

By RUSS J. COWANS

Two weeks ago, Willie Brown, 15-year-old Houston, Texas, caddy, finished second in the amateur division of the Houston Open.

Among the players who thrilled at young Brown's long tee shots were Ted Rhodes, Los Angeles pro, who won the Open title for the third straight year, and Leonard Reed, New Yorker, who finished five strokes back of the youngster's 308. Sat. 7-9-49

On their return to Chicago, both were enthusiastic in describing Brown's possibilities, to Joe Louis. Louis immediately had Rhodes call Brown's mother and get her permission to enter him in all the amateur tournaments, and at the same time, get some instructions from Rhodes.

WILL MEET JOE

Brown arrived in Chicago Monday by plane, and left Tuesday night for Cleveland, where he will meet his benefactor—Louis—and compete in the Sixth City tourney.

The young Texan is 5 feet, 11 inches, and tips the scales at 150. He also has a pair of strong hands, with plenty of power.

Young Brown has been playing golf ever since he got a job as caddy at the Brae Burn Golf club near Houston. His cousin, Robert Williams, 19, gave him his first lesson. He has since received instructions from Milton Demaret, brother of Jimmy Demaret, fashion-plate of the links. Jimmy Demaret gave him six golf balls before he left Houston Monday evening, and also told him that he was getting a wonderful chance, and that he should take advantage of it.

FIRES LOW SCORE

Brown has competed in three tournaments—the Houston Open in 1948-49, and the San Antonio tourney in 1948. He fired a sparkling 72 in the San Antonio tourney, his lowest score to date.

He qualified for the 1948 Houston Open with 84, but lost in the semi-finals to Len Rhoden, Houston.

In the 1948 Houston Open, he lost to Judson Grant, veteran Los Angeles amateur, 307 to 308. Brown was three-down at the turn, but drew even with Grant at the fifteenth. He three-putted the sixteenth, and his chance to win was lost.

"I have trouble with my putting," the youngster said, "but I think I'll get better under Mr. Rhodes' coaching. He let me use one of his putters in Houston, and I did, better."

Louis presented Brown with a complete set of new clubs after he arrived in Cleveland.

When asked how he felt about playing against Louis in the Sixth City tournament, Brown said:

WANTS TO BEAT JOE

"I'll try to beat him. I heard he's very good, but I believe I can beat

GOLFER KEEPS REQUEST OF CRIPPLED NEGRO CADDIE—HE QUALIFIES

"Please don't quit," the crippled boy begged. "I need the caddie fee to go see the doctor."

So Plemmons, steady rain and shot 34-33-67 over the par 72 course. He had five straight birdies the second nine.

The score of 147 gave Plemmons one of four places from this section in next week's Open at Medinah Country club, Chicago.

The youngster will enter the Douglas Park Golf club tourney in Indianapolis July 16-17, and then go to New York to compete in Ray Robinson's Gotham tournament, July 25, 26, 27, 28. He will compete in the Dayton, O., tourney, July 30-31.

Fla., professional, shot an 80 on his morning round and was going to withdraw.

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George Stewart Rated Top Tennis Performer by American Tennis Ass'n

RALEIGH, N. C.—The 1948 rankings of the American Tennis Association have just been released by the Ranking Committee through the office of the secretary of the association, Prof. Arthur P. Chippey.

The Ranking Committee, appointed by President Cleve Abbott of Tuskegee Institute, comprises E. Harold Hopper, chairman, East Orange, N. J.; Dr. Reginald S. Weir and Mrs. Rhoda B. Smith, both of New York City; Albert B. Bishop, Philadelphia; Adassa Barrows, Roxbury, Mass.; William E. Jones, Baltimore; Richard Hudlin, St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Eleese B. Thornton, Los Angeles, Calif.

MEN'S SINGLES

1.—George Stewart, Orangeburg, S. C.
2.—Harold Mitchell, Oakland, Calif.
3.—Howard Minnis, Baton Rouge, La.
4.—John Chandler, Fanwood, N. J.
5.—Dr. Reginald S. Weir, New York City
6.—Carl Williams, Orangeburg, S. C.
7.—Dr. Hubert Eaton, Wilmington, N. C.
8.—Dr. Richard Cohen, Plainfield, N. J.
9.—Leon A. Woods, Prairie View, Tex.
10.—Vernon Morgan, New York City

WOMEN'S SINGLES

1.—Althea Gibson, Wilmington, N. C.
2.—Nana Davis, Elizabeth, N. J.
3.—Dorothy Davis, Elizabeth, N. J.
4.—Margaret Peters, Tuskegee, Ala.
5.—Adassa Barrows, Boston, Mass.
6.—Edith North, New York City
7.—Ethel Freeman, Baltimore, Md.
8.—Jane Hudlin, St. Louis, Mo.

JUNIOR SINGLES

1.—Wilbert Davis, New York City
2.—Maynard Driver, Brooklyn, N. Y.
3.—Thomas Freeman, Washington, D. C.
4.—James Thompkins, Brooklyn, N. Y.
5.—Charles Hayes, Durham, N. C.

BOY'S SINGLES

1.—Harold Freeman, Washington, D. C.
2.—John W. Lockett Jr., Tuskegee, Ala.
4.—Samuel Bacote, Atlanta, Ga.
5.—Simon Walker, Tuskegee, Ala.

GIRL'S SINGLES

1.—Helen Mundy, Lynchburg, Va.
2.—Miriam De Costa, Orangeburg, S. C.
3.—Gloria Robinson, Madison, N. J.
4.—Joan Cooley, Westfield, N. J.
5.—Lucia Bacote, Atlanta, Ga.

VETERANS (MEN) SINGLES

1.—John B. Garret, Tuskegee, Ala.
2.—Dr. Ellwood Downing, Roanoke, Va.
3.—Edgar Foley, Los Angeles, Calif.
4.—Richard Hudlin, St. Louis, Mo.
5.—Dr. William R. R. Granger, Sea Cliff, L. I., N. Y.

VETERANS (WOMEN) SINGLES

1.—Mrs. Eleese Thornton, Los Angeles, Calif.
2.—Mrs. Jessie Abbott, Tuskegee
3.—Mrs. Martha Davis, Elizabeth, N. J.
4.—Miss Anna Showers, Brooklyn
5.—Mrs. Lucia Bacote, Atlanta

MEN'S DOUBLES

1.—George Stewart, and Dr. Hubert Eaton, Wilmington, N. C.
2.—Harold Mitchell and John Chandler
3.—Quentin Vaughan, Brooklyn, N. Y. and Donald Ellis, Brooklyn, N. Y.
4.—Carl Williams and Dr. R. W. Johnson, Lynchburg, Va.
5.—W. L. Cook, Durham, N. C., and Sam Hutcherson, Lynchburg, Va.

OUTSTANDING TEAMS

John Chandler and Charles Jones, New York City
Quentin Vaughan and Winfield Ashby, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Dr. Reginald S. Weir and Desmond Margetson, New York City
Nathaniel Jackson and Dr. Hubert Eaton, Wilmington, N. C.

MIXED DOUBLES

1.—Miss Althea Gibson, Wilmington, N. C., and Dr. R. Walter Johnson, Lynchburg, Va.
2.—Mrs. Frances Gittens and Vernon Morgan, Brooklyn, N. Y.
3.—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hudlin, St. Louis, Mo.
4.—Mrs. Eleese Thornton, Los Angeles, and William E. Jones, Baltimore, Md.
5.—Miss Matilda Davis, Elizabeth, N. J., and George Stewart, Orangeburg, S. C.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

1.—Margaret and Roumania Peters, Tuskegee, Ala.
2.—Nana and Dorothy Davis, Elizabeth, N. J.
3.—Martha and Matilda Davis, Elizabeth, N. J.
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2.—George Lewis Jr., Miami, Fla., and Eearl Woods, Chattanooga, Tenn.
3.—Harold and Thomas Freeman, Washington, D. C.
4.—Henry Michaux, Durham, N. C., and Leslie Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.
5.—Charles Hayes, Durham, N. C., and R. Winston, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sepia Trio Pace Hockey Victors

By ALVIN WHITE

NEW YORK (ANP)—Hockey fans got their first glimpse of Negro hockey players here last week when the strong Sherbrooke Five of Quebec knocked the local Rovers for a loop.

Three colored lads were in the front line which is something to brag about. And according to sports authorities who know their hockey, they acquitted themselves nobly.

A crowd of nearly 9,000 watched the headliner and "were treated to some fancy and robust play by the Negro trio, the brothers, Ossie and Herb Carnegie and Manny McIntyre," wrote one authority. Herb scored one of the four goals his team amassed.

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Army Net Champ and Family

Rickey Cohen, two-year-old son of Lt. and Mrs. Richard N. Cohen, pictured with his parents, shows promise of following in his father's footsteps which led to the singles championship of the First Army during the tennis tournament finals played on Governors Island last week. Lt. Cohen, a Dental Corps officer stationed at Ft. Dix, N.J., defeated Lt. Col. Henry B. Wilson of West Point in three straight sets, 7-5, 6-0, 6-1, to take the First Army crown, held by Colonel Young for the past two years. Lieutenant Cohen lives in Plainfield, N.J.

D. C.

On Interior Dept. Order

Segregation Is Ended by D. C. At 18 Tennis Courts in Parks

Complying with an order of the Interior Department, the District Recreation Board yesterday voted to end segregation on 18 local tennis courts.

The board acted after deciding that the Interior Department has control over courts which are located on Federal park lands.

Tennis court permits, issued by the Recreation Department, will be reprinted to list the courts as "open units," Recreation Board Chairman Harry S. Wender said.

The courts are located at Anacostia, Garfield, Montrose and Rock Creek Parks, and at the Francis Recreation Center. All but two of the courts, those at Francis, now are designated as "white units."

The board also approved forwarding to Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug copies of permits issued by the Recreation Department for all other activities on park lands. Krug requested the copies in a letter to the board in which he ordered the courts opened on a "first come, first served" basis without regard to race.

Only the 18 courts at the 5 areas were opened by the board's action. An additional 85 courts located on land owned by the District and on land assigned to the Recreation Department by the National Capital Park and Planning Commission will continue to be operated on a segregated basis.

The Interior Department has appealed to Attorney General Tom Clark to rule that it controls the areas assigned by the planning commission.

Recreation Superintendent Milo C. Christiansen told board members that the 18 courts had been designated as "white" and "colored" to conform to the recreation system plan created by the National Capital Park and Planning Commission. No effort has been made to force segregation, he said.

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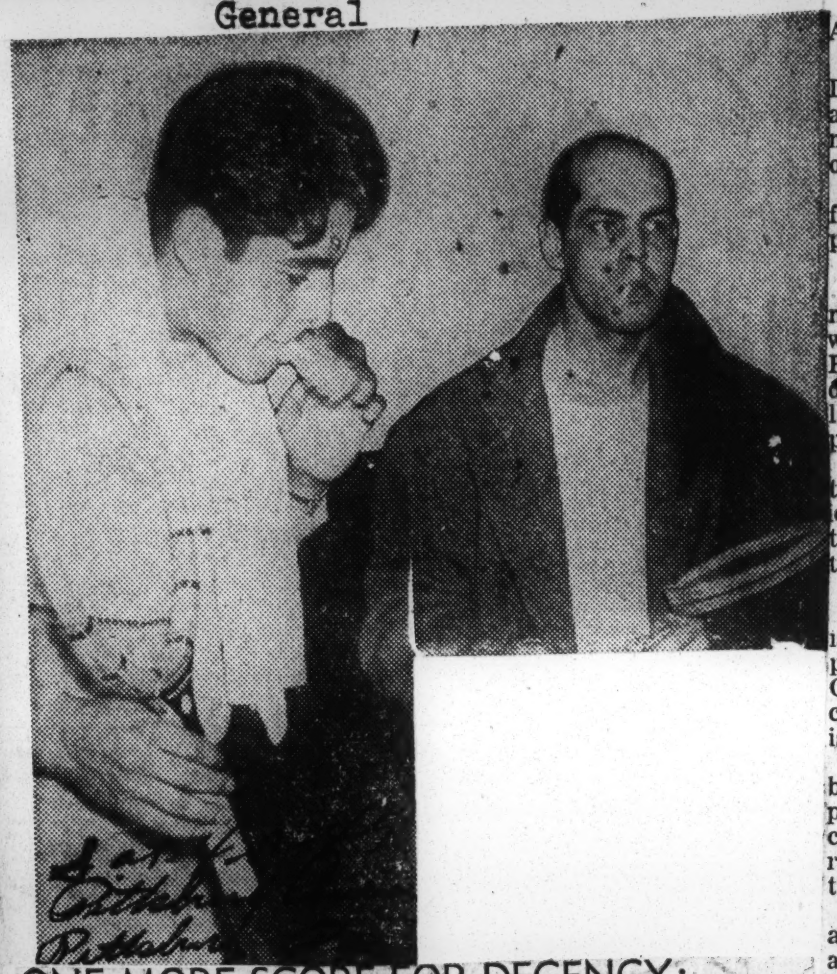
He asked that action on requests from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Federation of Civic Associations involving use of groups be deferred until after the committee issues its report.

In another action the board authorized the National Capital Parks to proceed with grading, top soiling and seeding a 10-acre plot at Fort Stanton Playground.

MAKE GOOD SHOWING—At the recent U. S. Indoor Tennis Championships held in New York the only two sepia contestants entered, managed to make favorable showings. In the photo on the right, Dr. Reginald Weir, former Negro champion gave the newly crowned winner of the Indoor Tennis Title, Pancho Gonzales, the toughest battle of the tournament before bowing, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. In the photo on the left Althea Gibson, Negro women's champion and first woman of her race to participate in the matches, is shown shortly after she defeated Sylvia Knowles. Miss Gibson was later defeated by Nancy Chaffee in a hard fought match.—European Photos.



ONE MORE SCORE FOR DECENCY:

Tennis Courts Ordered Opened to All Races

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Baltimore Maryland

WASHINGTON

The Interior Department drove a wedge in the District Recreation Department's segregated policy on Wednesday by ordering the opening of 18 segregated tennis courts for use without regard to race, creed or color.

Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug, in a letter to Recreation Board Chairman Harry S. Wender, requested the courts be thrown open to the public. He stated that courts at five of the recreation areas are on Federal property and subject to non-segregation.

Told to Redesignate Courts

The Interior Department told Mr. Wender to redesignate the five areas as "open units" and to list them on permits issued by the Recreation Department.

Courts now designated as white at four of the areas are:

Anacostia, East of the Anacostia River between Sousa and Anacostia Bridges (9 courts); Garfield, Second and F Sts., S.E. 1 court); Montrose, 30th and R Sts., N.W. (4 courts); and Rock Creek Park (2 courts, 1 colored).

The colored unit is at Francis Recreation Center, 25th and M Sts., N.W. (2 courts).

Mr. Krug requested the Recreation Board to submit copies of all 1949 permits which it issued for other activities on Federal Park lands. These permits include use of picnic areas, baseball and softball diamonds.

1st Come, 1st Served

Krug's letter stated in part:

"It is requested that the issuance of permits for any activity on all unassigned Federal Park areas be administered on a first-come-first serve basis without regard to race, creed, color or national origin."

The ruling by Secretary Krug may have some bearing on the fight by S.E. citizens to use the Anacostia swimming pool.

A spokesman for the Interior Department said that Anacostia and Francis, both run by Government Services, Inc., are operated on a non-segregated basis.

However, in recent years all efforts of citizen groups to utilize the pool has met with little success.

Drowning Blamed on Bias

Unable to use the pool last summer, two youngsters were drowned while swimming in the Anacostia River, prompting citizens to condemn the vicious practices of the local Recreation Board's jim crow policy.

Krug's letter adds another chapter to the feud between the Interior Department and the Recreation Board on the racial policy in the use of play areas.

Golf Courses Next

Currently the Recreation Board is seeking to gain control of the public golf courses operated by S. G. Loeffler and Company whose contract expired in Dec., 1948, but is expected to be renewed.

Attorney General Tom Clark has before him now for study a dispute over which of the two agencies, Interior Department and Recrecation Department, will control the 62 public playgrounds.

Krug admits that none of the areas involved in his request has anything to do with the opinion before Attorney Clark.

Denies Receiving Letter

Mr. Wender, seemingly perturbed over the Interior Department's order, told reporters he had not received the letter.

He condemned the Interior Department for lack of co-operation, pointing out that the Recreation Board is not informed of what is

WILKINS ON WEST COAST

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Negro Tennis Ace 'Scares' Gonzales

NEW YORK, March 21. — [illegible]ung Pancho Gonzales learned today that the path to the National Indoor Tennis championship may be rougher than that which led him to the turf court title last September.

The 20-year-old Los Angeles youth dropped a set for the first time in the annual tournament as he eliminated Dr. Reginald Weir of New York, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, and progressed to the quarter-finals.

Their match produced the finest tennis of the four-day-old board court meet at the Seventh Regiment Armory and was even closer than the final score would indicate.

Weir, a 38-year-old Negro who often has held the national title for players of his own race, conceded nothing to his younger opponent in this slam-bang encounter.

He handled Gonzales' blazing service with surprising ease and kept him glued to the baseline by attacking the net as if he cared little for his own safety.

In the end, it was stamina and accuracy that brought victory for the top-seeded Californian rather than his reckless power.

In the quarter-finals on Wednesday, Gonzales will play Lester Hirschfield of New York, who downed Leo Tedesco of Brooklyn, 7-5, 6-1, in another second round match today.

MEN'S SINGLES, THIRD ROUND
Richard Gonzales, Los Angeles, defeated Dr. Reginald Weir, New York, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.
Don McNeill, New York, defeated Frank Shields, New York, 6-4, 6-2.
Lester Hirschfield, New York, defeated Leo Tedesco, Brooklyn, 7-5, 6-1.
Irvin Dorfman, New York defeated Pablo Eisenberg, Maplewood, N. J., 6-3, 6-2.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES, QUARTER-FINALS
Gertrude Moran, Santa Monica, Calif., and Mrs. Marjory Buck, New York, defeated Sylvia Knowles, Newport, R. I., and Virginia Lee Boyer, Newton Highlands, Mass., 6-4, 6-2.
Mrs. Helen Rihbany, Boston, and Barbara Scofield, San Francisco, defeated Mrs. Patricia Stuhler, Plainfield, N. J., and Mrs. Lillian Campbell, New York, 6-0, 6-4.
Nancy Chaffee, Ventura, Calif., and Barbara Wilkins, New Rochelle, N. Y., defeated Dorothy Head, Alameda, Calif., and Mrs. Louise Ganzenmuller, Sea Cliff, N. Y., 8-6, 6-4, 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, SECOND ROUND
Gertrude Moran, Santa Monica, Calif., def. Helen Germaine, New York, 6-2, 6-1.
Barbara Wilkins, New Rochelle, N. Y., def. Mrs. Lowise Ganzenmuller, Sea Cliff, N. Y., 6-2, 8-6.
Dorothy Head, Alameda, Calif., def. Mrs. Marjorie Buck, New York, 6-2, 6-3.
Carolyn Liquori, Brooklyn, def. Mrs. Ly Cremonin, New York, 7-5, 4-6, 7-5.

Dr. Weir Also Advances in Indoor Championships

Tan Net Aces Make History in USLTA Tourney in NYC's 7th Regiment Armory

NEW YORK (NNPA)—Althea Gibson, first colored woman to enter the United States Lawn Tennis Association's national championship matches, and Dr. Reginald Weir, first colored male entrant, moved nearer to tennis immortality here last Saturday with Miss Gibson advancing to the quarter finals of the tournament and Dr. Weir moving into the third round play.

Miss Gibson moved into the quarter finals of the women's singles by defeating Miss Sylvia Knowles of Newport, R.I., 6-4, 3-6, and 6-1. Last Friday she took the measure of Ann Drye, 6-0, 6-1.

Dr. Weir went to the third round of the tourney by taking a hard fought battle from Gil Bogley, national indoor junior champion, 8-6, 4-6, and 6-2. Dr. Weir won his first match by default when Igor Cassini, society columnist for the New York-Journal American failed to appear.

Miss Gibson did not play any real tennis until the final set of her match last Saturday. Her opponent, Miss Knowles, was a very weak hitter and Miss Gibson elected to play her type of game, lobbing the ball from one side of the court to the other without displaying any of the drive and force for which she is noted.

Shows Power

The result was that Miss Knowles was able to make a fair showing in the first set and to come back and win the second. When the first period came in the second set, however, Miss Gibson's coach instructed her to go back out and play her own forceful type of game.

She followed his instructions and from her opening serve in the third set the result was never in doubt. She literally blasted Miss Knowles off the court in this set. She took the first game on her serve without letting the Newport woman score a point. In the second she broke through her opponent's service and won easily with a dazzling display of force at the net.

The third game went to Miss Knowles when Miss Gibson let up momentarily but it was merely the calm before the storm. She won the next four games without allowing Miss Knowles to score more than two points in any single game.

Weir vs. Gonzales

Weir's victory was a triumph of age over youth. He was hard pressed to win the first set 8-6 and dropped the second set to his youthful foe 4-6, after tiring. In the third set, Dr. Weir had to call on all of his skill to ward off the slashes of Bogley but experience, combined with good tennis, earned him the victory.

The results of last Saturday's play pitted Miss Gibson against Miss Nancy Chaffee, seeded number four player in the tournament. Dr. Weir's victory earned him a shot at Pancho Gonzales, national outdoor tennis champion who was seeded number one.

The tournament was held at the Seventh Regiment Armory on Park Aye. at 67th St. and was witnessed by the cream of New York's society.

Weir, Gibson Advance To Net Semi-Finals

NEW YORK (NNPA) — Dr. Reginald Weir, first colored man to enter United States Lawn Tennis Association competition, and Althea Gibson, national colored singles champion, advanced to the semi-finals of the Easter indoor championship matches here in both the doubles and single match play.

Dr. Weir, seeded No. 3 in the tournament because of his advancement to the semi-finals last year, scored an easy win over Fred D. Krais, one of the seeded players in the singles.

Miss Gibson, showing signs of nervousness in the first set, settled down in the second and third sets and defeated Sylvia Knowles of Newport, one of the ranking players of the famed Forest Hill Tennis Association. She dropped the first set 1-6 but took the other two, 6-3 and 8-6.

Dr. Weir teamed in the doubles with Lester Hershfield of the Bronx to eliminate Vernon Morgan and Ubert Vinson and advance to the semi-finals in doubles play. Morgan and Vinson are colored.

Miss Gibson teamed with Miss Helen Germane to advance to the semi-finals. Other players, who made up the unprecedented number of colored entries in the meet, included Dr. Richard Cohen, Wilfred Lewis, and Richard Bouey.

Stewart-Eaton Capture Doubles Championship

LYNCHBURG, Va. (ANP) — Overwhelming all opposition easily, the doubles team of George Stewart and Dr. Hubert Eaton won two doubles titles here last week on the private courts of Dr. R. Walter Johnson.

First they completed the unfinished doubles of the American Tennis Association meet rained out at Wilberforce State two weeks ago and outplayed John Chandler, Fanwood, N.J., and Charles (Chuck) Jones, New York City, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3, for the ATA title.

Following this victory they defeated all comers in the seventh annual invitational Round Robin doubles sponsored by the Recreation Club in Lynchburg. In the finals they outplayed Chandler and Jones again, 6-2, 6-2.

This victory gave them a second leg on the Bishop Plummer Sterling Silver Three-leg trophy. One more victory and they will gain permanent possession of the award. "Flip" Jackson, Washington, D.C., and Louis Graves, Detroit, also have two legs on this coveted trophy.

Althea Gibson

Weir Bows to Gonzales in Spectacular Net Match

NEW YORK (NNPA) — Althea Gibson, the first colored woman ever to compete in a United States Lawn Tennis Association championship tournament, and Dr. Reginald Weir, one of the top-ranking netsters, were both vanquished, but not without glory, in the 46th national indoor tennis championships at the Seventh Regiment Armory.

Nancy Chaffee of Ventura, Calif., defeated Miss Gibson last Tuesday in the quarter-final round of the women's singles, 6-2, 6-3.

Miss Chaffee hit so severely off the ground and was so strong with her serve and volley that Miss Gibson could not hold her in check, though she drove vigorously too and got in spectacular winners with her backhand and at the net.

Richard (Pancho) Gonzales, the sensational 20-year-old title winner from Los Angeles, defeated Dr. Weir in a thrilling match in the third round of the men's singles.

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Wins 3 Straight Games

Gonzales, seeded No. 1 in the tournament, jumped on Dr. Weir at the outset, breaking through his service and winning the first game. He dropped the second game but came back to win the next three in smashing style. Then Dr. Weir won one and Gonzales took the next two to win the set.

Dr. Weir settled down to work in the second set, however, and crashed through Pancho's serve to take the first game. After Gonzales battled to deuce and the advantage changed hands nine times before Gonzales finally came through to win the game. This tired the 38-year-old Weir but he was far from through. Gonzales won the next game but Weir stiffened to win the next two and the score was one set apiece.

Takes Big Lead

Pancho came out for the kill in the third set. He broke through Dr. Weir's serve, took the first game and then went on to win the next three to make the game count four and zero in the third set with only two more wins needed to capture the match.

Dr. Weir had only scored two points in the last four games and had dropped three of them by the love route. Then with the crowd counting him out Dr. Weir, who obviously was tiring badly, went to work. He won the next game on his serve. He broke through Gonzales's serve to win the one after that and he came back to win a third game on his serve despite the fact taht the score was again locked at deuce nine different times. At that stage the game count was 4-3.

Shows Sportsmanship

Gonzales came on then with his cannonball service and won the next game for his fifth. It was in this next game that Gonzales displayed one of the finest acts of sportsmanship ever seen in a sport arena.

With the game knotted at deuce and the advantage in favor of Pancho, the champion needed one more point to win the match when he and Dr. Weir met in a torrid volley near the net. Dr. Weir dropped an easy lob far out of reach of Pancho and the champion, realizing that the lightly struck ball would not bounce high, rushed across the court to return it. He arrived just as the ball was about to strike the floor for the second time and with his racquet scraping the floor managed to lob it to the other side of the net. Dr. Weir, who was himself out of position, made a try for the ball and drove it into the net.

It was match point and Dr. Weir rushed to the net to congratulate Pancho on his victory. But to the amazement of all, including the officials, Pancho turned away from Dr. Weir's outstretched hand and walked in the direction of the official's table.

There he told the officials that the ball he had returned a moment earlier had actually bounced twice on his side of the net before he reached it and the officials promptly gave the point to Dr. Weir and the game was at deuce again. Then, to make the act even more amazing Dr. Weir proceeded to take two straight advantages from Pancho and win the game to make the game count 5-4.

Pancho Wins Match

But despite his sporting gesture, Pancho was not to be denied and he came back on his strong service in the next game to win the game and the set. On the final match point he fired what was probably the most terrific serve of the whole contest. Dr. Weir calmly returned the serve but the effort placed him far out of position and Pancho lobbed an easy ball just over the net which was impossible for Dr. Weir to reach before it took its second bounce.

Dr. Weir did not try for it but bowed his head in sportsmanlike defeat as the ball bounced and rolled from the court. He received a tremendous ovation as he shook hands with the champion and walked from the court.

Pancho told the writer after the match that Dr. Weir displayed as much speed and showed as much

REGGIE WIER

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The Park Avenue set turned out to see Gonzales route the 38-year old New York doctor, but before play was over they were cheering every lob of the older man.

Gonzales, seeded No. 1 player in the tournament, took the opening set in short order, but the tide turned in favor of the New Yorker when the second stanza got under way.

Dr. Weir utilized a very effective strategy during the set. The New Yorker drew Gonzales close to the net and then sent blistering placements to the far corners of the court which Gonzales could not reach.

DR. WEIR WINS SECOND SET

Cracking Pancho's service, Dr. Weir won the first game. After Gonzales had taken his serve in the second, Dr. Weir won three straight games. In the sixth game of the set, the two players battled to deuce and the advantage changed hands nine times before Gonzales finally came through to win. Gonzales won the next game, but Dr. Weir stiffened to win the next two and make the score one set each.

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Althea Gibson, ATA Champ, Enrolls At Florida A & M; Will Play on Team

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Althea will participate in the National Public Parks Games beginning in Pittsburgh, Pa. in July and she will defend her A.T.A. title for the third time in August at Wilberforce. She has participated in the National and the Eastern Indoor tournaments in New York.

She will play on the college tennis team on which she will receive her education.

Johnson, 19-Year-Old Star, Takes West Coast Title

LOS ANGELES — (ANP) — Northern California racqueteers met the best of Los Angeles and the southland on the Ross Snyder Courts during the 31st annual West Coast tennis championships which ended on Labor Day.

Twenty - two trophies were awarded the winner and runners up at a cocktail party on the evening of Labor Day. The trophies were presented by Don Presley, Wendell Wilkie Chapter, AVC, the sponsor, and Mrs. Josephine Brown, Angel City Racquet club, the host.

Oscar Johnson returned from a triumphant tour of the East and Midwest to defeat James Stocks, Pasadena, 6-0; 6-3; 6-4 in the men's singles. Johnson teamed with Earthna Jacquet to defeat Lawrence Greene and Alvin Lamonthe in the men's doubles 6-2; 6-2; 8-6. All are of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Reola Countee, Oakland, paired with Johnson to defeat Gloria Romine, Oakland, and Major McBee Jr., Los Angeles, 6-1; 6-1 in the mixed doubles.

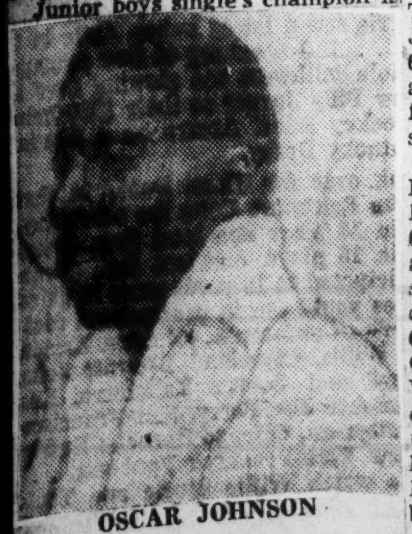
Mrs. Countee and Marjorie Bruins, Oakland, were defeated by Miss Romine and Muriel Farris 7-5; 6-4 in the women's doubles. All are Oaklanders.

Miss Farris Bows

In the women's singles Miss Farris was defeated by Mrs. Countee 6-3; 6-4.

Earl Pleasant was an easy victor over fellow Angeleno Hugo Dandridge, 6-3; 6-3 in the veterans singles.

Junior boys single's champion is



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Lawrence Greene who defeated Alvin Lamonthe 6-1; 6-4. Both are locals.

Marghurita Ray defeated Elaine Middleton 5-7; 6-3; 6-2 in the Junior Girls singles.

Mrs. Bush Loses As Weir, Mitchell Battle At Meet

WILBERFORCE, Ohio — Mrs. Ella Bush, Atlanta, Georgia, was dropped in the finals of the Women's Veterans match by Mrs. Eleese Thornton, Los Angeles, California, 7—5, 6—3, as rain stopped the finals of the American Tennis Association 32nd annual tournament. A violent cloudburst stopped the finals in the men's event between Reginald Weir and Harold Mitchell with the sets at two all and Mitchell leading 1—0 in the fifth set.

When the matches were stopped Saturday at 4 P. M. Mitchell led, 5—1, 6—4, 5—7, 1—6, 1—0. In the men's doubles George Stewart, S. C. State, and Dr. Hubert Eaton, Wilmington, N. C. were leading John Chandler, Fanwood, N. J. and Chas. Jones, Bronx, N. Y., 6—2, 6—5, in the second set.

Finals already completed were: Women's singles, Althea Gibson, Fla. A. and M. College defeated Mary Etta Fine, Kansas City, Mo., 6—2; 6—2; Veterans Men's Singles, John B. Garrett, Tuskegee Institute defeated Dr. Ellwood Downing, Roanoke, Va., 6—1, 6—1; Veterans Women's singles, Mrs. Eleese Thornton, Los Angeles, Calif., defeated Mrs. Ella Bush, Atlanta, Ga., 7—5, 6—3; Junior Singles, Robert Dibble, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., defeated James Thompkins, Brooklyn, N. Y. 6—3, 6—4, 7—5; Boy's singles, Donald Archer, Nassau, Bahamas, defeated Simon Walker, Tuskegee, Institute, 6—2, 6—2.

In the girls singles, Helen Mundy, Fla. A. and M., defeated Miriam DaCosta, Orangeburg, S. C., 6—2, 6—1; Women's doubles, Roumania and Margaret Peters, Tuskegee Institute, defeated D. Nana and Dorothy Davis, Elizabeth, N. J., 6—0, 6—0, 6—0; Mixed doubles, Althea Gibson, Fla. A. and M. and Dr. R. Walter Johnson, Lynchburg, Va., defeated Mary Etta Fine, Kansas City, Kansas and Leo Fine, St. Louis Mo., 6—4; 6—3; Junior doubles, Maynard Driver and James Thompkins, Brooklyn, N. Y. defeated Melvin White, Lynchburg, Virginia, and Julius Martin, Wilmington, N. C 4—6, 6—3, 10—8, 7—5.

Tan Woman Champ In Hartford Tennis

HARTFORD, Conn. (ANP)—For the first time in its long history, the City of Hartford had a colored tennis champion here recently when Miss Juanita Griffin, 26, won the women's title.

A worker in the city health department, Miss Griffin was seeded fourth in the meet sponsored by the Hartford Courant and the Recreation division of the park department.

The turning point in the meet and her career came in the semi-finals when she won a match she was supposed to lose. She defeated Mrs. Philamena Coates 8-6, 0-6, 6-4 in a match considered to be the toughest of her career.

In the finals she defeated Mrs. Mary Lawrence 6-4. 6-3.

Mitchell, Weir Standoff; Miss Gibson Repeats

WILBERFORCE, Ohio—For the first time in its 32-year history, the American Tennis Association's National Championship Matches ended without a victor in the men's singles.

Torrential rains halted the deciding set in the finals, August 27, with Harold "Schoolboy" Mitchell of Oakland, Calif., leading Dr. Reginald Weir of New York, 1-0. The rain continued throughout Saturday night and Sunday, forcing postponement of the match.

Dr. Weir had to return to his practice, and Mitchell had previous commitments on the West Coast. The ATA executive committee ruled that the two meet again in a sanctioned match before the 1950 tournament here, the winner will be named 1949 men's singles champ.

Dr. Weir had taken the first two sets, before Mitchell rallied to extend the match.

When the downpour halted play, all but two events had been completed—the men's singles and the men's doubles, which will be completed Labor Day at Lynchburg, Va., in the Round Robin.

Dr. Reggie Weir was serving to Harold Mitchell when the rain started, and the score was two sets all, with Mitchell leading 1-0, in the fifth set. Set scores were, Weir: 6-1, 6-4; Mitchell, 7-5, 6-1, 1-0.

The men's doubles team of George Stewart, 1948 singles champion, and Dr. Hubert Eaton, Wilmington, N. C., was leading John Chandler of Fanwood, N. J., and Chuck Jones of the Bronx, 6-2, and 6-5 in the second set, with deuce in the 12th game.

MISS GIBSON KEEPS CROWN

Althea Gibson of Florida A. and M. College, ran true to form in retaining her singles title. She defeated the coming Mary Etta Fine of Kansas City, Kan., 6-2, 6-2. The Veterans men's singles title went to John Garrett of Tuskegee, who defeated Dr. Elwood Downing of Roanoke, Va., 6-1, 6-1. Mrs. Eleese Thornton of Los Angeles, took the veteran women's singles from Mrs Ella Bush of Atlanta, 7-5, 6-3.

National Junior Singles honors were carried off by Robby Dibble of Tuskegee, with a victory over the favorite, James Thompkins of Brooklyn, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5. Donald Archer of Nassau, the Bahamas

Three SIAC Colleges Now Competing In ATA National Tennis Meets

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—(SNS)—Tennis as a major sport is gaining new supporters in the Deep South. New emphasis and fulltime coaching is apparent everywhere. As a result three SIAC colleges — Florida A. and M., South Carolina State and Tuskegee Institute have become strongholds of talented net wielders.

Take for example, Slim Althea Gibson, ATA women's singles champion, who is enrolled at Florida A. and M. College who since dethroning Roumanie Peters of Tuskegee back in 1947, has become the greatest player in ATA tennis.

On the same campus with Miss Gibson is Helen Mundy, who holds the American Tennis Association girls singles crown.

At South Carolina State College, George Stewart, a lightning-serving, court-covering whiz from the Panama Canal Zone, is co-holder of the ATA doubles championship along with Dr. Hubert Eaton of Wilmington, N. C.

For two years in a row, Stewart held the ATA singles crown, winning it in 1947 at Tuskegee Institute.

Another South Carolina State ace is Carl Williams, who deserted the CIAA where he was singles champion, to campaign in SIAC circles.

One doubles competition dynasty is at Tuskegee, where Margaret and Roumania Peters, have become the most formidable team in the nation. Roumania is rated one of the most capable singles player in the business, and, with the superb teamwork provided by her sister Margaret, they have dominated competition in this division for years.

Clark College of Atlanta has turned out Turner Sibley, who copped the city singles title in that city.

Elsewhere in the South, Harold Freeman, a slender, tow-headed youth, is at Southern University.

Morehouse College has Theophilus Neal, who has played in the Southwest and shows great promise. Tuskegee Institute has several up-and-coming stars who will be heard from in the future.

The SIAC stands to gain international recognition when George Stewart teams up with Achille E. Petit in the Pan-American Olympic tennis meet at Gustemale next February.

Stewart will fly from the USA tomarkable interest in pushing the Gustemala for the opening match-game as a major sport.
es. He will represent Panama. Cleve Abbott, the celebrated men-
Meanwhile, Althea Gibson is busytor of the Golden Tigers of Tuske-
with her freshman studies at Flori-gee, has pushed the sports since its
da A. and M., which is likely toinfancy and at long last is about
come up with one of the strongest to see his dream come true.
intercollegiate tennis teams ever
produced by an SIAC.
Up at South Carolina State, J.
D. McGhee likewise is showing re-

Shaw Will Field Veteran Eleven In Campaign For CIAA Championship

RALEIGH, N. C.—Shaw University's football players will take the field Thursday Sept. 1, to begin preparations for the 1949 season.

Sixty or more candidates will be on hand for the initial drills.

Coach Howard K. (Brutus) Wilson, fresh from six weeks' study at Columbia University, is eager to launch plans for the current season. He will be aided by Assistant Coach Thomas Kee, former quarterback on one of Shaw's before-the-war grid aggregations.

The Bears will again be pointing for Hampton in their opening game of the season. Last year the Pirates broke Shaw's ten-game winning streak, garnered in the Raleigh school's championship 1947 campaign.

This year Shaw will tangle with Hampton in the second annual Shrine Fish Bowl Classic, Sept. 24, at Foreman Field in Norfolk, Va.

Among the men who will be playing their final season are such performers as Twillie Bellamy, All-CIAA halfback and leading ground gainer; Bill Wallace and Roscoe Floyd, fullbacks; James L. Jackson, pass hurler; Gladstone Booth, William Cannon, Allen Crooms, James Taylor, and Ed Roper, tackles; Leroy Way, All-CIAA and John Williams, guards; Bill Purnell, David Mack, and Robert Martin, Backfield regulars; John Goodrich, offensive end; Charles Lee, center; John Turner and Leroy Sellers, quarterbacks, and John Wortham, Bears' punting expert.

The Bears have their first home game with St. Augustine's Fighting Horses Saturday, Oct. 1, and are away thereafter until Shaw's homecoming classic with Howard University, Oct. 29. The schedule is as follows:

Hampton Institute, Sept. 24, (Fish Bowl Classic), Norfolk, Va.; St. Augustine's College, Oct. 1, Raleigh, N. C.; Virginia State College, Oct. 8, Petersburg, Va.; N. C. A. and T. College, Oct. 15, Greensboro, N. C.; Winston-Salem Teachers, Oct. 22, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Howard University, Oct. 29, (Homecoming), Raleigh, N. C.; Virginia Union University, Nov. 5, Raleigh, N. C.; Johnson C. Smith University, Nov. 12, Charlotte, N. C.; North Carolina College, Nov. 19. Raleigh, N. C.

took the boys' singles, 6-2, 6-2, from Simon Walker of Tuskegee.

Florida A. and M. College posted its second singles win in the girls' event. Helen Mundy took the event from Miriam De Costa of Orangeburg, S. C., 6-2, 6-1.

SISTERS BEAT SISTERS

In the women's doubles event, the sister team of Roumania and Margaret Peters of Tuskegee, swept over the sister team of Nana and Dorothy of Elizabeth, N. J., 6-0, 6-0.

Miss Gibson teamed with Dr. R. W. Johnson of Lynchburg, Va., to set down Miss Fine and her partner, Leo Fine of St. Louis, 6-4, 6-3. Maynard Driver and James Thompkins of Brooklyn, won the junior doubles over Melvin White, Lynchburg, and Julius Martin, Wilmington, 4-6, 6-3, 10-8, 7-5.

Play started in the 32nd National Championships, August 22, and several top seeded players were ousted in early upsets. Most startling was the victory of Oscar Johnson, Los Angeles youth of 18, who defeated last year's champ, George Stewart, seeded first, in the fourth round. Johnson was seeded ninth.

Lloyd Scott, seeded eighth, and three times national singles champion, was ousted by George Anderson of Chicago, who was not ranked among the first 16.

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World's Premier Timber Afro-American Man Equals Own Mark

Baltimore Maryland

Dave Bolen Also Repeats, Copping 600 Over Star-Studded Field; Douglas Wins Broad Jump

Sat-2-26-49

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

NEW YORK—Although pinched off in the sprint, an event in which they have held the ruling hand for 17 years, tan competitors collected three national titles in the 61st annual AAU indoor track and field meet at Madison Square Garden Saturday night.

With such celebrated speedboys as Eddie Conwell, Barney Ewell and Billy Mathis out of the picture, it fell to the lot of Basil McKenzie, a promising but little known West Indian newcomer from Seton Hall College, to save the place in the 60-yard dash. He ran second behind Bill Dwyer, white Rhode Island Officials Association flash, who had previously won and lost in races with Conwell and Mathis.

Conwell and Ewell viewed the meet from the sidelines, the former with a leg injury which he sustained in the Boston A.A. games two weeks previously, and the latter with the "taint" of a professional. Ewell, it will be recalled, was deprived of his amateur status when he accepted a home as a gift from admiring Lancaster (Pa.) townsfolk.

Mathias Fails to Show

Mathis was unexplainably absent. While he had been expected and was listed on the program, neither AAU officials, fellow athletes nor his former coach and friend, Sal Hall, could shed any information concerning the whereabouts of the Washington (D.C.) star.

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Nevertheless, 1949 crowns went to: (1) the ever reliable Harrison Dillard in the 60-yard high hurdles; (2) the consistent Dave Bolen in the 600, and (3) the versatile Herb Douglas in the broad jump.

All three were 1948 Olympians. And two — Dillard and Bolen — hung up record-equaling times in achieving their victories. It was Dillard's third hurdles title in succession, Bolen's second in a row, and Douglas's in the last three years.

Dillard got home in 7.2 seconds in whipping white James Gehrdes, of Penn State, who has been chasing the champion throughout the winter season, and Ed Dugger, the former titleholder from Dayton, Ohio. His clocking, which equaled the mark he set in taking the event last year, was one-tenth of a second off the world record Dillard hung up in Chicago in 1947.

Last out of the new Ogden starting gate, which was being used for the first time in the nationals, the ex-Baldwin-Wallace ace shot to the fore at the 40-yard mark and held on to hit the wire two feet ahead of the pursuit.

Bolen Leads Throughout

Bolen, improving with each indoor start, led throughout the 600-yard trek to conquer what might easily be termed the evening's most accomplished field. And his time of 1:11.6 matched the standard set by Charley Belcher, white, nine years ago.

Behind the Colorado star stormed Army's John Hammack, Seton Hall's Frank Fox, both white; world quarter-mile record-holder, Herb Manley, and world indoor 50-yard record-holder, George Guida, white, of Villanova.

Douglas, who doubles as a dash man and jumper for University of Pittsburgh when he's not halfbacking for the Panther eleven, scored a fairly easy triumph in the broad jump. His winning leap of 24 feet, 11⅝ inches gave him a healthy margin of Ed Taylor's runner-up effort of 23 feet, 5 inches.

Douglas, who captured the event in 1947, had been dethroned in 1948 by Lorenzo Wright, stellar Wayne University Olympian. But the latter wound up fourth in Saturday's clash due chiefly to a muscle twinge that hampered his work considerably.

Thigpen Disappoints

Most disappointing performance of the evening, perhaps, was that turned in by Phil Thigpen, defending champion in the 1000. The Seton Hall representative, in a surprising display of poor sportsmanship, finished third to Bob Mealey, a white Cornell sophomore, and Marcel Hansenne, of France. But because of his repeated fouling of Hansenne, Thigpen was disqualified from even the third position.

Apparently remembering the 1948 race in which he conquered a mediocre field in the snail's pace time of 2:16.4, Thigpen sought to bottleneck the opposition in this year's renewal. Taking the lead at the outset, he increased his speed with each challenge to prevent anyone from passing, using wide-flung elbows to accomplish his purpose.

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Then each time the competition settled in behind his pace, Thigpen slowed down to almost a walk. Hansenne, experience in endurance running, made four attempts to get by but each time Thigpen fought him off with elbows and wide turns. Finally, on his fifth try, the Frenchman, to the accompaniment of boos directed at Thigpen, broke free and took the lead. Immediately the pace quickened.

Hansenne, however, spent by his duel with Thigpen, had nothing left to stand off the stretch challenge of Mealey and finished second. Thigpen's disqualification was greeted by lusty cheers from the estimated 15,000 fans.

Blanked in High Jump

In the high jump, another test in which brown-skinned champions reigned for more than a decade, there was a complete shutout. Neither Paul Robeson Jr. (Cornell) Matthew Branche (Pioneers), Arnold Webb (Brooklyn College) John Jones (Alabama State), Ed Taylor (Kalamazoo), nor ex-Champions Dave Albritton and Josh Williamson were able to match the efforts of Dick Phillips, Bill Vessie and John Vislocky, all white, who finished in that order.

Robeson and Albritton cleared 6 feet, 2 inches but dropped out when the bar was hoisted to 6:4.

The women's 60-yard dash, contested for the first time as an added feature of the nationals, went to splintery Joan Salmon, 17-year-old product of the Police Athletic League of this city. Olympian Mae Faggs, 16, was third. Winning time was 7.4 seconds.

In the men's 60-yard dash, won by Dwyer in a record-equaling 6.2 seconds, McKenzie and Tom Carey, former national champion, were the lone hopes of tan entries. As a matter of fact, it narrowed down to the previously unknown McKenzie since Carey had already been soundly whipped three times by the Rhode Island flyer.

Lloyd LaBeach, an incurable slow starter, went out in the semi-final when, to add to his other worries, the Panamanian speedster felt his blocks slip from under him as the break came. Out of the race before it got under way, LaBeach made a noble but futile effort to catch up.

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Seventeen-year-old Leonard Grace, former interscholastic champion, also bowed out in the semis when he was required to run immediately after a gruelling quarter-finals duel with Carey and Fred Jones Jr., ex-Lincolnite.

Morgan Suffers Mishap

A clever Morgan State College foursome of Sam LaBeach, brother of Lloyd; William Brown, George Rhoden and Bob Tyler finished fourth in the mile-relay, won by New York University with Reggie Pearman doing a magnificent chore on the third leg. Georgetown and Manhattan were second and third, but many believe the loss of the baton at the beginning of the race deprived the Bears of at least a third place and, possibly, a second.

LaBeach's grip on the baton when Sol McCants, leading for the Pioneer Club quartet, tumbled and struck the Morgan runner's arm. By the time he retrieved the stick, the field had taken a good lead.

Previously, Morgan had run second to NYU in a 3:24.9 semi-final heat.

Jose Barbosa, representing Boston University, was unplaced in the pole vault, as were Larry Ellis, NYU, and Roland Matthews, A. & T. College, in the mile; Ken Dixon, Morgan, and Ray Hanlon, LeMoyne, in the 1000.

Mel Patton Runs 100 Yards in 9.1

Mel's 20.2 for 220 Betters Another World's Record

Washington Post
Washington D.C.

Los Angeles, May 7 (AP).—Mel Patton of the University of Southern California bettered the world record for the 220-yard dash today with a sprint of 20.2 seconds, shortly after he ran the fastest 100 yards in history, unofficially.

Officials at the dual meet between USC and UCLA, held on the UCLA track, said they would certify the 220-yard performance and apply for acceptance of the mark.

Patton 45 minutes earlier ran the 100-yard dash in 9.1 seconds with a 6.5-miles-per-hour wind behind his back.

The wind-gauge for the 220, however, registered 3.3 miles per hour, which is under the 4.473 allowable.

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His time of 20.2 bettered the accepted world record set by Jesse Owens of 20.3 made May 25, 1936, at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Both the 100 and 220 were run over a straight course.

Patton won the 220 by a good eight yards over Teammate George Pasquali with Ernie Lightner of UCLA third. The same two trailed him by five or more yards in the 100-yard race today.

Larry Houston, local AAU official said Patton's 220 performance "looked good" for certification.

Patton holds the official world record of 9.3 seconds for the 100-yard dash. His performance was approved this week by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Patton was clocked by seven timers in the 100.

Five of them caught him in 9.1 seconds and two timed him at nine seconds flat. He won the event for USC, finishing five yards ahead of Pasquali with Lightner of UCLA, third.

Sat-5-7-49

Ohio State Star Zooms Home in 1:50.3

The Courier
Pittsburgh Pa

LOS ANGELES—Zooming home in front of the cream of America's middle distance stars, long-striding Mal Whitfield, an Ohio State Olympic champ, ran a scorching 1:50.3 to tie the meet record in the half mile at the NCAA track and field championships here Saturday.

In winning, Whitfield equaled the record set by Johnny Woodruff of Pitt, another former Olympic champ.

Challenging Mel Patton in his victories in the 100 and 220 was the phenomenal young Andy Stanfield of Seaton Hall, who was only one-yard behind in the century and two in the furlong.

As expected, the great Fred Johnson of Michigan snared Moore of Iowa in the 440, while Phil Thigpen on Seaton Hall was sixth in the 880.

Sat-6-25-49

Sprinter Bob Tyler of Morgan State's team reached the finals of the 100, but failed to place while Sam LeBeach, a brother of Lloyd made it to the finals of the 440, but didn't finish within the first six.

The javelin throw produced a promising "find" in Bill Miller of Arizona who placed fifth.

Clayton Clark Breaks Record

Atlanta Ga

Sat-4-23-49

In 440 Trials

Daily World

130 Thinclads Compete In Two-Day Trackfest

At Atlanta Univ. Field

Approximately 130 thinclads competing in the trials of the twelfth annual Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Track and Field Championships, Friday afternoon, at the Atlanta University Field, gave Atlanta fans a preview of the finals of the sports carnival which will get underway at 2:30 p. m. today.

Touching off the fireworks in the dazzling two-day cinder show was Clayton Clark, Xavier speedster and 1949 crown. Battling it out in the preliminaries of the track, weights and jumping events, In stepping the distance in 48 seconds flat, the smooth-striding Xavier sprinter shattered the old standard of 48.4 set by George "Bubber" Miller of Morehouse in 1940.

Fifteen of the 16 colleges in the SIAC have crack track and field teams on hand to make a strong bid for the 1949 crown. Battling it out in the preliminaries of the track, weights and jumping events, In stepping the distance in 48 seconds flat, the smooth-striding Xavier sprinter shattered the old standard of 48.4 set by Benedict, Clark, Fisk, Florida A. and M., Fort Valley State, Lane, LeMoyne, Morehouse, Morris Brown, South Carolina State, Tuskegee and Xavier.

Elon Robinson, also of Xavier, came up with an outstanding feat in the trials, heaving the javelin 187 feet, 4 inches, 1 feet, 3½ inches short of the record of 188 feet, 7½ inches set by James E. Haines of

15 CRACK TEAMS
FOR '49 SIAC CROWN

Morehouse in 1941. Frederick Guy, (Morehouse) and Clark (Xavier) were clocked at 9.5 and 21.5 in winning their heats in the 100-Yard and 220-Yard dashes, setting the stage for a real duel in the sprints this afternoon.

Atlanta Ga.

CARROLL TO DEFEND ONE, TWO-MILE TITLES

John W. Carroll, Tuskegee's great distance runner from Annapolis, Md., will be out to repeat in the one and two mile runs this afternoon. Last year, the Tuskegee star shattered the conference record in the two-mile event. Jerry Barr, promising young miler is expected to give Carroll a plenty of competition in the mile run. Sat 5-14-47

Qualifying for the finals in the trials Friday were the following track and field stars:

100-YARD DASH — Clayton Clark (Xavier): Phillip Malcolm (South

Smith Ties World 220 Hurdle Mark

afro Amicus 7A

Baltimore, Md.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—Aided by a stiff wind, Michigan State's Horace Smith equaled the world's record for the 220-yard low hurdles as the Spartans toppled Penn State's track team, 83½ to 47½, in a dual meet here Saturday.

Smith topped the low timbers in 0:22.5 after bettering a meet record by negotiating the 120-yard high hurdles in 14 seconds flat.

Neither time is expected to be approved as a record because Smith, the IC4A 60-yard high hurdles champion and record-holder, was pushed by a stiff wind blowing at more than five miles per hour. Sat. 5-21-49.

Joining Smith as a double-winner in the Penn State meet was teammate Fred Johnson, who won the 100-yard dash in 0:09.7 and the broad jump with an effort of 24 feet. He was also third in the low hurdles.

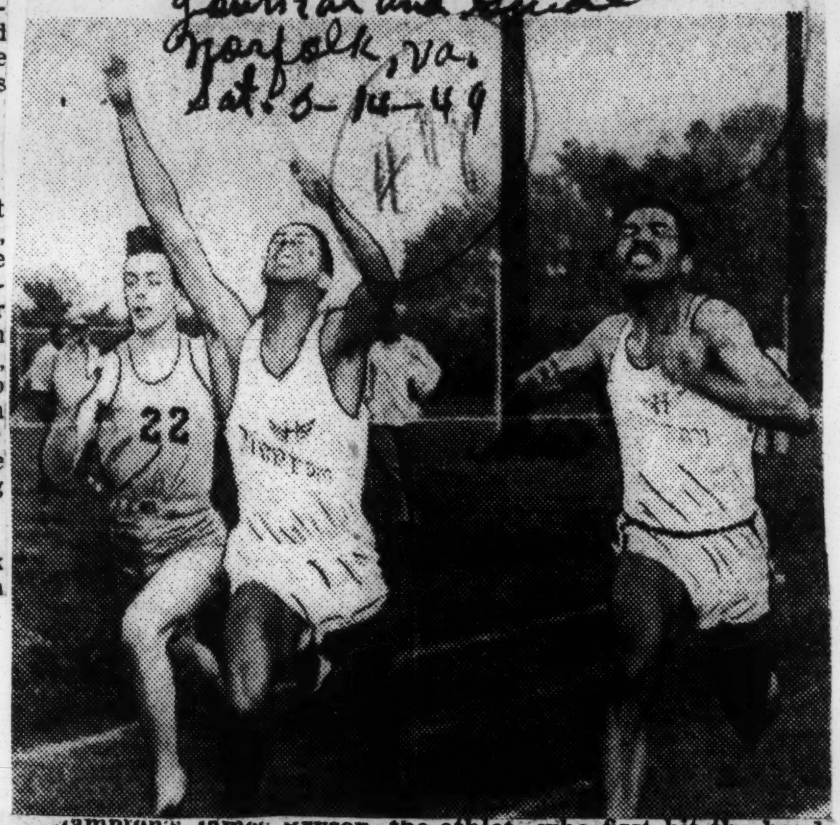
Williams Second

Wilbert Lancaster, Penn State sprinter from Philadelphia, won the 220 yard dash in 0:20.9, finished second in the century and took third in the broad jump.

Another Penn State from Philadelphia, Mitch Williams, was runner-up in the 800-yard run.

Hampton's Headlining Athlete

Journal and Guide Norfolk, Va. Sat. 5-14-49



Hampton's James Bryson, the athlete who first hit the headlines with two touchdowns against mighty Wilberforce in the Fish Bowl game last year, was a double winner as the Pirates snowed under Tuskegee's Fort Eustis track and field delegation, 117-11. Here Bryson, an ace pole vaulter also, came out as a sprinter by winning the 100-yard dash ahead of Hampton's Arnold Henderson (right) and a Fort Eustis man (22).—(Burke Photo)

The Courier Pittsburgh Sat. 5-21-49

FLEET MIDSHIPMAN AND COACH — Seventeen-year-old Sidney Thompson of Los Angeles is the only Negro member of the track team of the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point, L. I., N. Y. The former Belmont, Calif., high school sprint star, shown with his coach, Lieut. Commdr. James W. Lieberth, is one of six Negroes among the Academy's 800 students.—Chick Solomon Photo.

Tan College Team Cops 3 AAU Titles

Afro Baltimore, Md. 7-2-49

2 Near Records in West Coast Cinder Games; Seek Relay Crown

Sat. 7-2-49

BULLETIN

FRESNO, Calif.—William (Bll)i Brown, CIAA and South Atlanti AAU half-mile champion from Morgan State College, was selected Monday morning as a member of the AAU track and field squad to tour Europe this summer. The squad will leave on the annual European trek early next month and will be gone for approximately three weeks.

SPECIAL to the AFRO

FRESNO, Calif.—Morgan State College, of Baltimore, Md., captured three national track and field titles here last weekend. It was the first time in the long history of the annual Amateur Athletic Union games that a CIAA— or any colored— college had scored more than one victory in the nation's premier track and field classic.

George Rhoden, 22-year-old freshman from Kingston, Jamaica, won the 400 meters event Saturday in the corking time of 46.4 seconds, defeating a classy field which included world record-holder Herb McKenley and IC4-A champion, Frank Fox, white, of Seton Hall College, of New Jersey. 7-2-49

Bob Tyler, a junior at the Baltimore school, grabbed the other two titles. He took the 100-meter dash and the 200-meters in the junior competitions, Friday night. The slender Morgan speedster was one of six doubles winners of the two-day carnival.

The others were James Urquhart, of University of Wisconsin, and Woody Linn, of San Francisco Olympic Club, both white, on Friday; and Andy Stanfield, Fred Wilt and Craig Dixon — the latter two white — on Saturday.

Two-Tenths Off Record

Tyler was clocked in 10.4 seconds in his 100-meters triumph, which is just two-tenths of a second off the world record of 10.2 seconds, set in 1936, by Jesse Owens. It is only one-tenth of a second away from the Olympic mark hung up by Eddie Tolan in 1932, and equalled last summer at London by Harrison Dillard.

And the spindly Morganite was near the world record again in capturing the 200 meters sprint title. Tyler was caught in 21 seconds flat in this victory, seven-tenths off the mark of 20.3 seconds credited to Owens in 1935. But it was only three-tenths away from Owens's Olympic Games timing of 20.7, at Berlin in 1936.

Tyler bettered the time of Mel Patton in the 1948 Olympic Games at London. The blonde Californian did a 21.1 to score his world triumph last July.

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100-YARD FINAL: Thomas Lacey, unattached, winning the handicap dash from scratch in 10.1 seconds at Travers Island yesterday. James Ryan, Pioneer Club, was second, and Vincent Cino, N. Y. A. C., was third

Jack Frank

MSC's Smith Ties World Hurdle Mark

But Wind Helps Him in :22.5

Effort as Spartans Win Easily

Special to the Free Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—The brilliant Horace Smith and Fred Johnson combined their talents to lead Michigan State to an easy 33½ to 47½ dual meet victory over Penn State's track team.

Smith and Johnson each scored "doubles." Smith won the 220-yard low hurdles in the phenomenal time of :22.5 seconds and took the 120-yard highs in 14 seconds. Johnson copped the 100-yard dash in :09.7 and the broad jump with a leap of 24 feet.

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SMITH'S TIME in the low hurdles equals the world's record for the event. An application for record will not be made, however, as the Spartan star had a five mile an hour wind at his back.

The time for the high hurdles established a meet record. He had the benefit of a nine-mile-an hour wind in the event.

Horace Ashenfelter, of Penn State, whipped Michigan State's Jack Dianetti and Bill Mack in the mile. The Spartan's finished one-two in the two mile with Warren Druetzler and Tom Irmen. Druetzler's time of 9:21.5 was a meet record.

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MICHIGAN STATE won 11 of the 15 events on the program.

The meet was run off in the rain, but track conditions were good.

Tartar Speeds to Victory at Penn

Associated Press Wirephoto

WAYNE'S BUDDY COLEMAN (RIGHT) SNAPS TAPE IN 440-Y ARD RELAY
The Tartars surprised with victory in early event at 55th annual R elays

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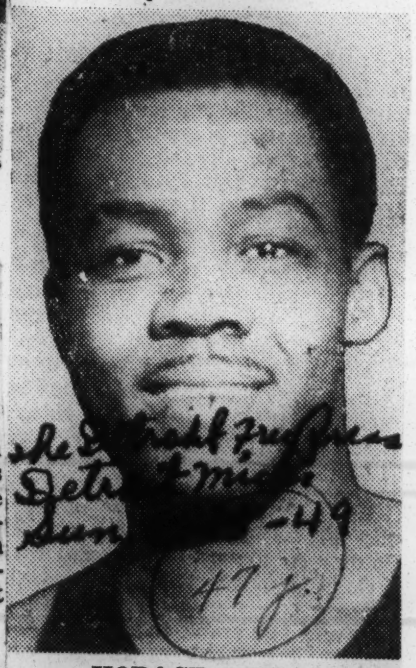
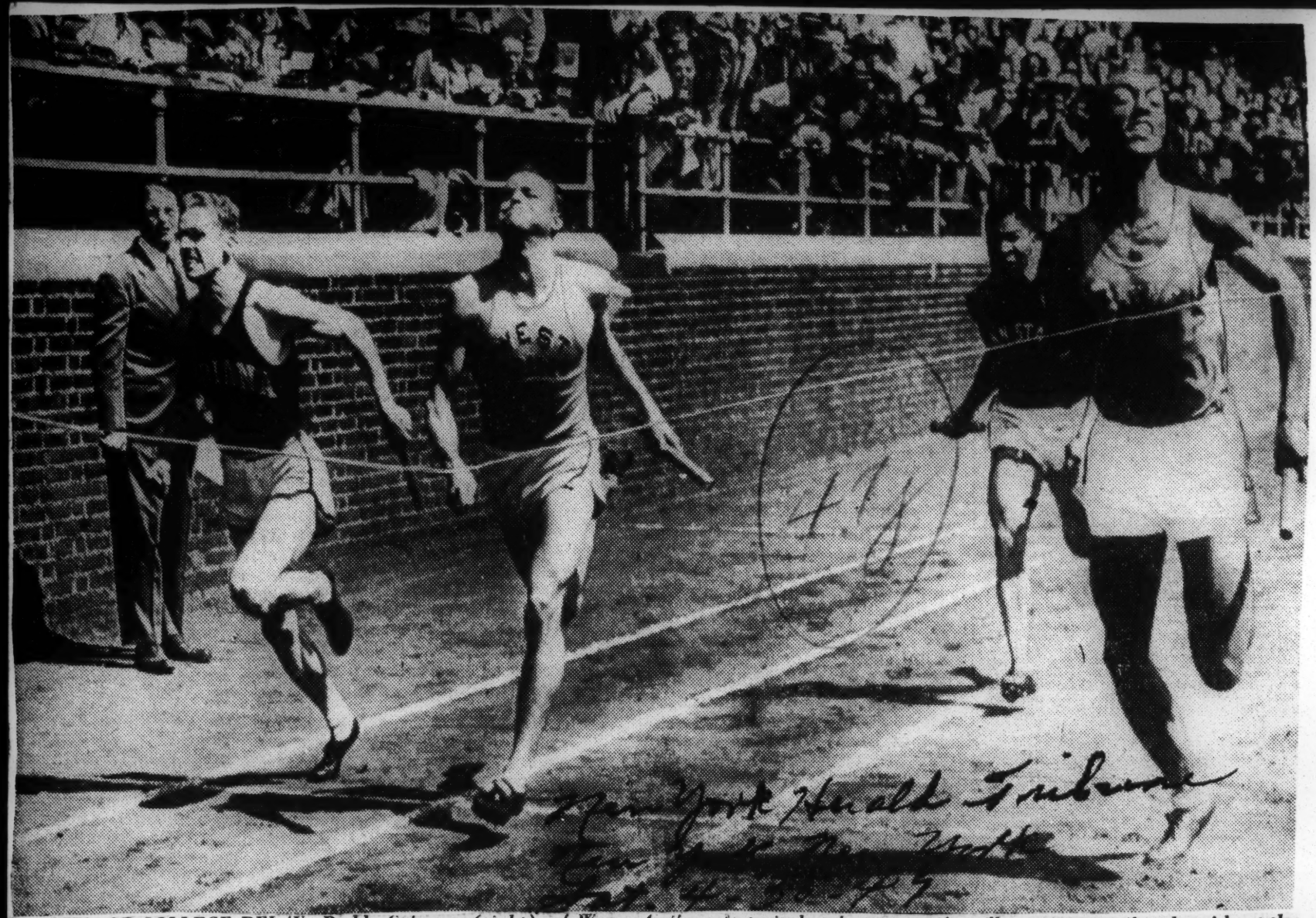
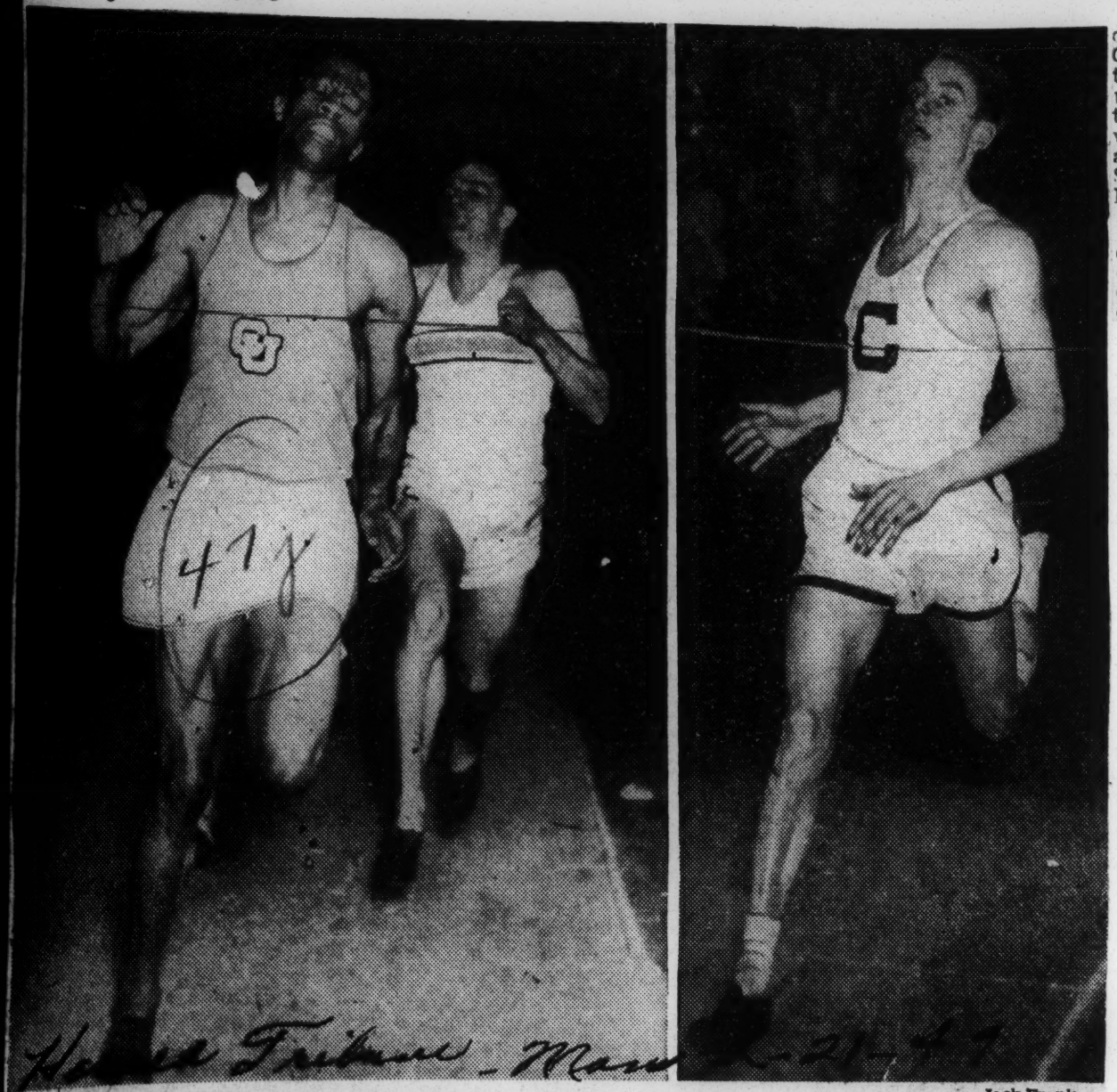


HORACE SMITH
Equals world's hurdle mark



FINISH OF COLLEGE RELAY: Buddy Coleman (right), of Wayne College, Detroit, breaks tape to win college quarter-mile relay title at the Penn Relays yesterday. A close second was Charles Peters (left), of Indiana, and in third place was John Hammack, of West Point. George Thomas, of Penn State, was fourth. Time was 41.7 seconds Associated Press Wirephoto



Jack Frank

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS—Dave Bolen of Colorado hits the tape first in the 600-yard run at the A. A. U. indoor title meet Saturday night. John Hammack, of the Army, at his left, finished second, nipping Frank Fox, of Seton Hall (obscured by Bolen). At the left is Robert Mealey, Cornell sophomore, who scored a surprise victory in the 1,000-yard run by beating Marcelle Hansenne, of France, who suffered interference by Phil Thigpen, disqualified

Magazine Article Recalls Cornelius Johnson Career

CHICAGO, Ill.—(NNPA)—The moment of glory of the late Cornelius Johnson, the 1936 Olympic high jump champion, is vividly recalled in an article in the August Esquire, written by Budd Schulberg, a journalism classmate of Johnson's in Los Angeles high school.

Schulberg traces Johnson's career from the day when they both tried out for the high school track team — Schulberg for the Class B 660, and Johnson for the high jump on the varsity, with Johnson jumping 6 feet 2 and being stopped from trying to go over at 6 feet 3 a respectable height for good college jumpers.

Revealing that he had helped Corny with his copy before he turned it in, Schulberg says "He was a good deal more eloquent sailing over the bar."

IN '32 OLYMPICS

A year later, in 1932, Johnson jumped with the best in the 1932 Olympics at Los Angeles, but his supreme moment of glory came in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, where the colored lads — Owens, Williams, Metcalfe, LuValle, Robinson, Pollard, Edwards, Albritton and Johnson—"kicked up the cinders and the sawdust in the faces of the supermen, and Corny set a new Olympic record of 6 feet 8 inches, grinning as Hitler left the stadium.

Then Schulberg lost track of Corny, but he was sure "he couldn't be earning his living as a journalist."

VIRUS VICTIM

Then, one morning after the end of the war, Schulberg learned: "Cornelius Johnson, former Olympic champion and world-record holder, more recently an able-bodied seaman in the Merchant Marine, had been the victim of a virus infection and had been taken off his ship in San Francisco harbor and rushed to a hospital, where he had died upon arrival."

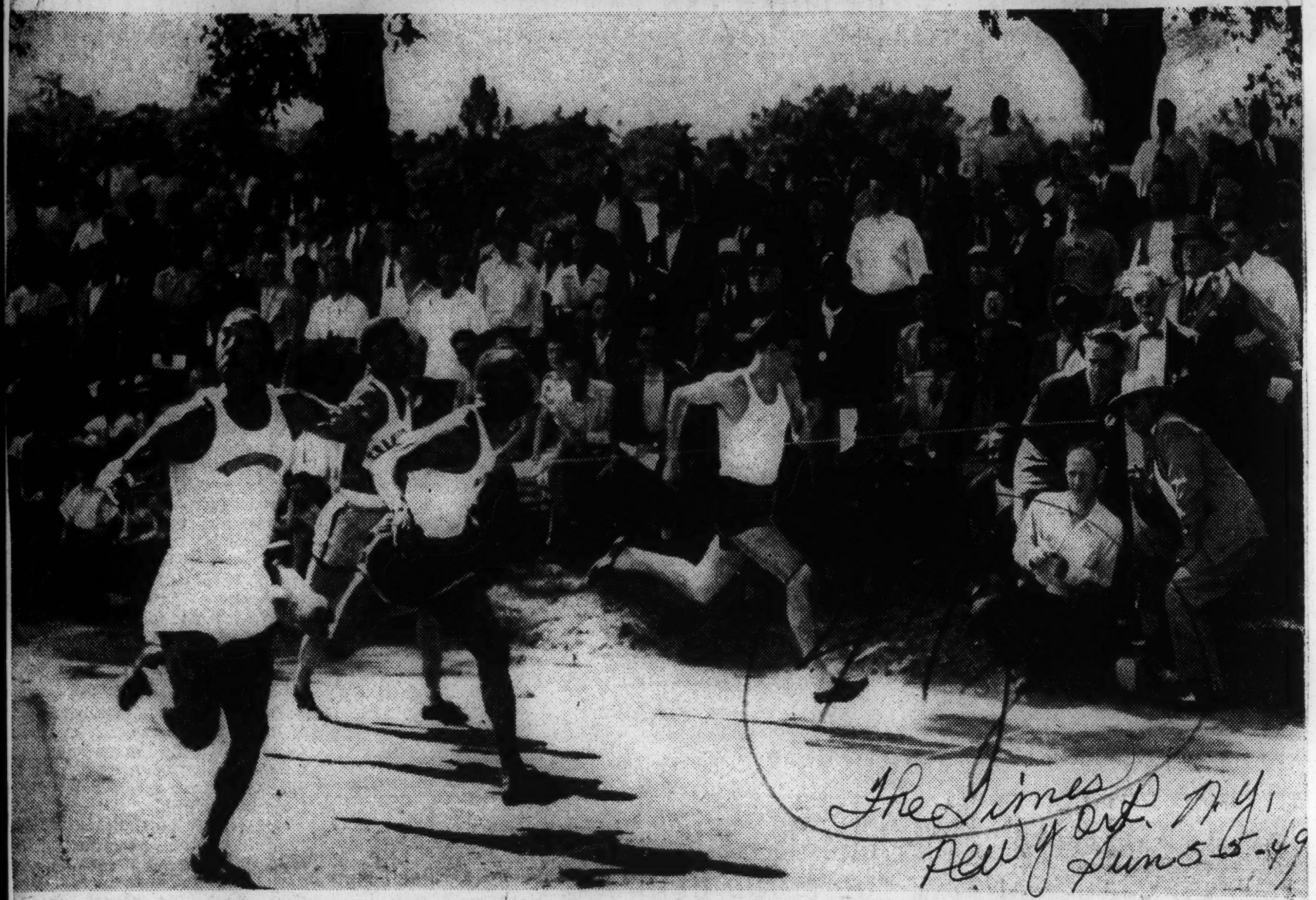
Schulberg writes:

"I thought of the first time I saw him jump; of the marvelous way he used to float over those record-breaking heights; of my pride as we walked down the high school corridors together; of his kid face down there in the big-time of the '32 Olympics. And thought that if an artist could

only manage us all for a while. Corny would have soared over that final Olympic height and plunged to a glorious death in the sawdust, as thousands cheered, while the band played our national anthem and the Stars and Stripes went up over Hitler's Berlin.

"Fates don't write 'em that way often. Just the same, I wish they could have given us a better send-off for Corny than that pointless exit from the merchant ship."

A BLANKET FINISH IN THE 100-YARD DASH AT N. Y. A. C. GAMES



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Thomas Carey winning from James Ryan, with Vincent Cino third and Leonard Grace fourth

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Boston Sports Fans Remember Jesse Owens, Former Olympian

Journal Guide Sat 3-19-49

Norfolk Va. Sports

By ARTHUR SIEGEL
(In The Boston Traveler)

BOSTON, Mass. — "You think you have security and a great future," Jesse Owens was saying, "and suddenly you find out that your glory is something of the past and the job you have is a political job and when the next election comes along, you're on your way out with the rest of the old administration. But then you take up something else and you travel around the country and you find that people haven't forgotten you at all. Except, possibly, back in your own home town."

HUB FANS REMEMBER

Bostonians hadn't forgotten the Ohio State athlete who had dominated the Olympic Games as he shattered record after record at Berlin, back there in 1936, when he won the two sprints and the running broad jump. They came over to court-side at the Boston Garden the other Friday night, and they wanted his autograph and they wanted to talk to him. For Owens was making a nation-wide trip with the Harlem Globe Trotters, that delightful barnstorming basketball team, and he was handling the public announcing for the Trotters game.

He had time between the halves, however, and he talked, with only occasional interruptions. He told how he had been given that job as recreation director in Cleveland, when he returned from the Olympic Games and how he soon had found out that his job was dependent on political trends and whimsies.

I saw that something had to be done," he explained," and the war came along and I was offered a job as Negro personnel manager with the Ford people. Then, that job was discontinued; now I've opened a sporting-goods store in Chicago. I'm in business for myself. And that's why I've taken on this trip. I'll keep doing this. Because I go around the country, and I let folks know that I can sell them sports equipment, and I'm surprised, happily, at the way I've found friends in so many cities and towns. They give me their business, and I tell them honestly, whether I can supply what they want. In a way, I'm building up a national business, and for the first time, I'm seeing a future that isn't too shaky."

VISITS ALMA MATER

So he was asked if he goes back to Ohio State and he smiled. "I go back there as often as I can. I have a very personal interest, since my daughter, Gloria is a freshman there. Yes, she's 17 years old. Imagine that! I guess I'm Old Jesse now. But she's doing well there. And I have an excuse to visit around. Wes Fesler? He's all right. There was a time a year guessing him. But his team wound up the season rather well, and he's the season rather well, and he's

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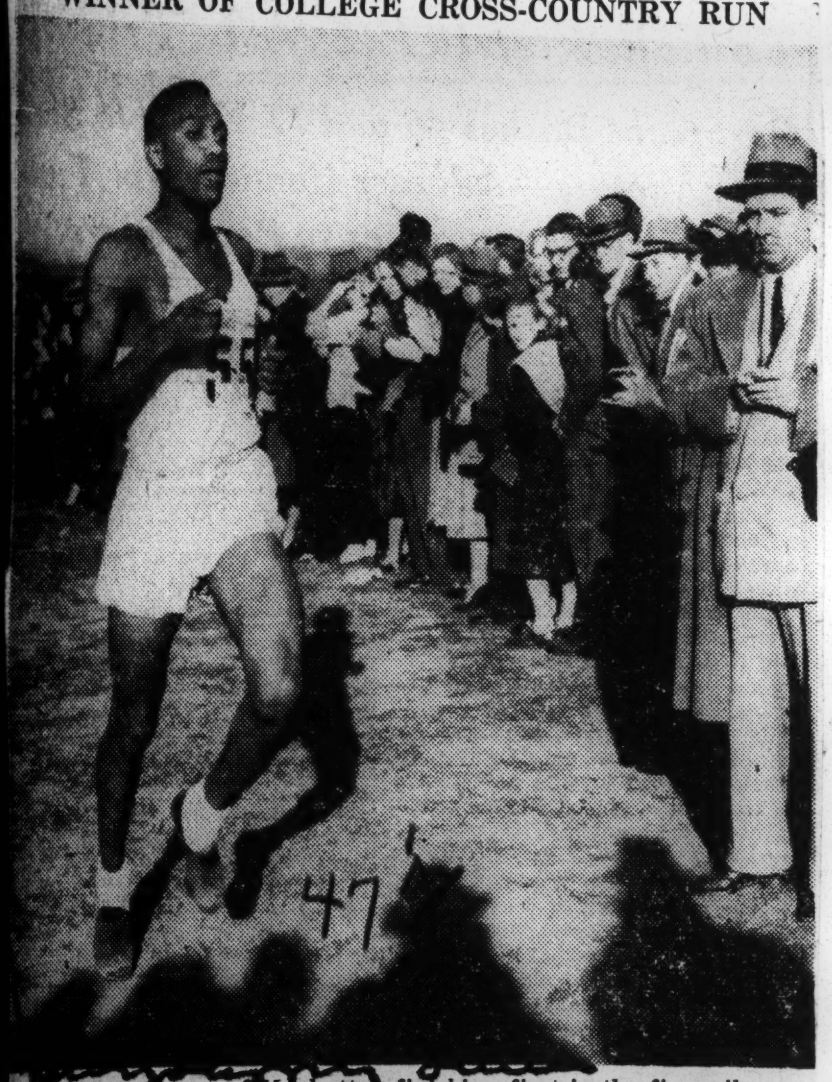
He grinned, "Has my daughter track ability? I don't think so. She did play basketball in high school and was good at that sport. But she isn't at Ohio State just because her father went there or because she can play basketball. She's there because she's smart. Was in the first five in a high school of 3,000."

So there were more interruptions because Owens, a forgotten man in his home town, was not a forgotten man here in Boston. He loved it.

WINNER OF COLLEGE CROSS-COUNTRY RUN



William Lucas of Manhattan finishing first in the five-mile race at Van Cortlandt Park sponsored by the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Track and Field Association.

The New York Times

MANHATTAN VICTOR IN CROSS-COUNTRY

Lucas Paces Jaspers to First 5 Places for Metropolitan Intercollegiate Crown

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Manhattan College's cros country team achieved that dream of all politicians, a clean sweep, in the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Track and Field Association's twenty-third annual championship run at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx yesterday. With Bill Lucas showing the way, the Jasper harriers took the first five places in the five-mile grind.

With the minimum total of 15 points, Manhattan spread-eagled the other teams. Second with 61 points, was New York University, while St. John's University, with 85, was third. Other team scores were St. Francis 101, Fordham 119, and Columbia 156.

Lucas a Strong Favorite

Lucas, overwhelming favorite for individual honors, made a runaway of it, covering the distance in 26:34.7, and finishing more than a hundred yards ahead of the runner-up, Walter Soltow. Martin Enright, Robert McNeill and John Moran were the other Jaspers to round out the first five places.

Gordon McKenzie of New York University took sixth place, ahead of Manhattan's Thomas Comerford. In acquiring the championship, the Jaspers moved into an all-time tie with New York University, each team having won eleven times. For the Jaspers, it was the third title in succession.

In the freshman competition, over a course of three miles, team and individual honors went to St. John's. William Raney, 18-year-old star from St. Albans, Queens, paced the field home for the Redmen, in 15:58.3, beating Francis Egan of Manhattan by ten yards.

St. John's Freshmen Win

St. John's score was 44, against 57 for Manhattan. St. Francis was third with 83 and City College fourth with 89. Fordham had 91, Columbia 171 and New York University 172.

The junior varsity event attracted only three teams, Manhattan winning with 19 points. New York University was second with 36 and St. John's posted no score when it failed to produce five runners at the finish. Joseph Seebode of Manhattan was first, in 28:04.2.

The competition attracted 46 starters in the varsity, 52 in the freshman and 23 in the jayvee race.

ORDER OF FINISHERS

VARSITY

Five Miles

	Time.
1. William Lucas, Manhattan	26:34.7
2. Walter Soltow, Manhattan	27:11
3. Martin Enright, Manhattan	27:26
4. Robert McNeill, Manhattan	27:27
5. John Moran, Manhattan	27:29
6. Gordon McKenzie, N. Y. U.	27:40
7. Thomas Comerford, Manhattan	27:50
8. William Widmayer, St. John's	27:53
9. Robert Curran, Fordham	27:58
10. William Cunningham, N. Y. U.	28:01
11. Howard Jacobson, N. Y. U.	28:03
12. Joseph Leland, N. Y. U.	28:04
13. Robert McGee, Manhattan	28:09
14. William Welsh, St. Francis	28:24
15. Edward Kennedy, St. Francis	28:28
16. John Prendergast, Fordham	28:33
17. Frank Joachim, Brooklyn	28:35
18. John McDonough, St. John's	28:36
19. John McCarthy, St. Francis	28:39
20. William Pates, St. John's	28:52
21. Joseph Hoar, St. John's	28:56
22. Patrick Daly, St. John's	28:57
23. Robert Gruninger, N. Y. U.	29:34
24. Larry Ellis, N. Y. U.	29:37
25. Donald Hinson, C. C. N. Y.	29:47
26. Savino Pascarella, St. John's	29:52
27. John Munnelly, St. Francis	30:08
28. Frank Brooks, N. Y. U.	30:14
29. Pete Schaeffer, Columbia	30:22
30. Harold Bates, Fordham	30:26
31. George Rouillard, St. Francis	30:30
32. Hubert Brandt, Columbia	30:47
33. William Kozar, C. C. N. Y.	31:11
34. Donald Anderson, Fordham	31:16
35. Frederick Wells, Columbia	31:17
36. Jose Fortoul, Columbia	31:25
37. Francis Cassidy, Columbia	31:35
38. John Donihee, Fordham	31:41
39. Leslie Clark, St. Francis	31:51
40. Donald Harrison, Fordham	32:01
41. John Winkert, Brooklyn Poly	33:03

TEAM SCORES

VARSITY

Manhattan	1	2	3	4	5— 15
N. Y. U.	6	10	11	12	22— 61
St. John's	8	17	19	20	21— 85
St. Francis	14	15	18	25	29—101
Fordham	9	16	28	31	35—119
Columbia	27	30	32	33	34—156

JUNIOR VARSITY

Manhattan	1	2	3	5	8—19
N. Y. U.	4	6	7	9	10—36

FRESHMEN

St. John's	1	3	10	13	17— 44
Manhattan	2	9	12	14	20— 57
St. Francis	4	8	19	24	28— 83
C. C. N. Y.	7	15	16	21	30— 89
Fordham	6	11	18	27	29— 91
Columbia	25	31	37	38	40—171
N. Y. U.	5	35	42	43	47—172

Mathis or Boston Due to Win Sprint Trophy in Star Games

Two former Cardozo High School speed merchants, Bill Mathis and Marcellus Boston, will fight it out next month for permanent possession of the sterling silver bowl which goes to the sprint champion over a 3-year period in The Star Games. Their duel is expected to be one of the headline attractions in the games, scheduled January 14 at the Armory.

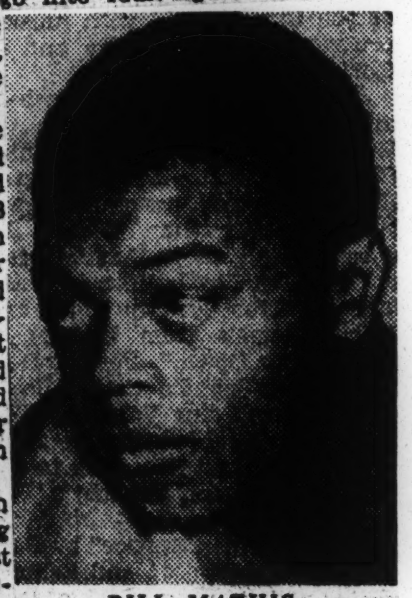
The series, in which the same six men compete in the 70, 80 and 100-yard dashes, was inaugurated in the first Star Games in 1948 and was an immediate hit with the fans. Scoring five points for a victory, 3 for second, 2 for third and 1 for fourth, Mathis accumulated 20 points in the first two meets. He won the 70 and was third in both the 80 and century in 1948 and last winter won the 100 and was second in both [illegible].

Boston, however, is treading on his heels with 19 points, charging into the thick of [illegible]ght last year with firsts in the 70 and 80-yard dashes and a third in the century. Second places in the 70 and 100 the year before, plus a fourth in the 80, gave him an initial score of 7 points. This time he's ready to take home the lion's share of honors—and the silver bowl.

It will border on a private party between Mathis and Boston because the only other point-scorer Bill Dwyer, former Brown University ace, has only seven points for the two seconds and a third he tallied last year. Even if he won all three events and boosted his total to 22 points, one second place for Mathis in any race would be enough to take the bowl. A third place in two events would be enough for either Mathis or Boston to beat him out.

Joe Cianciabella of Manhattan College took a long start toward adding the bowl to his glittering collection of silverplate won in competition with a 12-point score the first year. A conflicting track engagement kept Joe out of The Star games last year and will do it again for Manhattan is scheduled to compete in the Metropolitan AAU championships at New York January 14.

While the full list of six com-petitors for this year's sprint series has not been completed, games officials are confident they will have six of the nation's best dash men on the starting line. No runner yet has made a clean sweep of the series and the odds against it happening this year go into four figures.



BILL MATHIS.

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Xavier Edges Florida By Half-Point Margin

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BY JOEL W. SMITH

Another meet record was shattered during the finals of the welfth annual Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Track and Field Championships, held Saturday afternoon, at the Atlanta University Field. Jack

Clayton Clark, Xavier sensation of Panama City, Panama who ripped off a 48-quarter during the trials, Friday afternoon, to erase a nine-year old mark set by George "Bubber" Mitchell of Morehouse, bettered his new record in capturing the 440-Yard Run in 47 seconds flat.

XAVIER SHADES FLORIDA IN WINNING 8TH CROWN

The Xavier University spikesters of New Orleans shaded the Florida A. and M. College Rattlers of Tallahassee by the slender margin of one-half point to cop their eighth conference championship. Xavier piled up 38.5 points and Florida trailed with 38.0 Jack Loy

The other teams finished as follows: Morehouse 29; Morris Brown 25; Tuskegee 18; Fort Valley State 6; Alabama State 3; Benedict 3; Clark 3; Allen 1.5; and Alabama A. and M. 1. Also competing in the finals were Fisk, Lane, LeMoyne and South Carolina State.

MOREHOUSE RETAINS ONE MILE RELAY LAURELS

The Morehouse Maroon Tigers retained the prized One Mile Relay laurels, with Johnnie Floyd, of Forestville, Conn., running a brilliant anchor. The crack Morehouse foursome of Worth Christler, Leonard Gainey, Blaine Gaffney and Floyd was clocked in 3:21.9. Xavier set the pace on the first three laps, then suddenly Floyd took the baton and ran a smart anchor to finish out in front. Jack 5-17-49

Frederick Guy, Morehouse speedster from Little Rock, Ark., romped home in 9.6 to win the 100-Yard Dash. Clark, the smooth-striding Xavier star hit the tape in 20.9 to cop the 220-Yard Run. Elon Robinson, of Xavier, repeated in the Javelin Throw, topping the field with a fine toss of 187 Feet, 4 Inches.

CARROLL REPEATS IN SPECIALTIES

John W. Carroll, Tuskegee's great distance runner from Annapolis, Md. repeated in his specialties, the One Mile and Two Mile runs. After winning the mile run with ease, Carroll was challenged on the first lap of the two mile event. Then when the pace - setter faded, Carroll again ran away from the field.

Sharing honors with Clark and Carroll as double winners was Manlus Hall, Florida's versatile field star from Cleveland, Ohio, who repeated in the Shot Put and annexed the Discus Throw. Cleveland Williams, of Xavier also repeated in the 880-Yard Run. Last year, the Xavier cinderman set a new record in this event. George Connor, another "Gold Rush" luminary duplicated his 1948 feat in winning the High Hurdles. 5-17-49

Other individual winners included: Robert Stephens (Florida) Low Hurdles; Willie Whilhite (Tuskegee) Pole Vault; Frank Thomas (Fort Valley State) High Jump; and Edward Tolliver (Morris Brown) Running Broad Jump.

SUMMARIES

TRACK EVENTS

100-YARD DASH — 1. Frederick Guy (Morehouse); 2. William Rolle (Florida); 3. Samuel Ellis (Morris Brown); 4. Willie McKee (Xavier). Time: 9.6.

120-HIGH HURDLES — 1. George Connor (Xavier); 2. Robert Stephens (Florida); 3. Charles Carey (Morehouse); 4. Leon Moss (Benedict). Time: 15.1.

220-YARD RUN — 1. Clayton Clark (Xavier); 2 Frederick Guy (Morehouse); 3. William Rolle (Florida); 4. Samuel Ellis (Morris Brown) Time 20. 9.

220—LOW HURDLES — 1. Robert Stephens (Florida); 2. Edward Tolliver (Morris Brown); 3. George Conner (Xavier); 4. Alfred Hatchett (Morris Brown). Time 24.6.

440—YARD RUN — 1. Clayton Clark (Xavier); 2. Carl Peal (Morris Brown); 3. Fred Vickers (Florida); 4. Cleve Lewter (Morris Brown. Time 47.0 (New Meet Record).

880-YARD RUN — 1. Cleveland Williams (Xavier); 2. Tim Saunders (Tuskegee); 3. Edward Crockett (Florida); 4. Cleo Lewter (Morris Brown). Time 1:59.3.

ONE MILE RUN — 1. John W. Carroll (Tuskegee); 2. Sampson Smith (Xavier); 3. Jerry Barr (Clark); 4. George Williams (Benedict). Time: 4:21.8.

TWO MILE RUN — 1. John W. Carroll (Tuskegee); 2. Sampson Smith (Xavier); 3. Rudolph Smith (Morehouse); 4. Benjamin Harrell (Alabama A. and M.). Time: 9:53.9.

ONE MILE RELAY — 1. Morehouse (Worth Christler, Leonard Gainey, Blaine Gaffney, Johnnie Floyd); 2. Morris Brown (Cleve Lewter, Preston Jackson, Cleo Lewter, Carl Peal); 3. Xavier (Clayton Clark. Willie McKee, Cleveland Williams, Robert Bonner); 4. Florida (North Hendon, Edward Crockett, Fred Vickers, Curtis Moore). Time: 3:21.9 Jack 5-17-49

FIELD EVENTS

POLE VAULT — 1. Willie Wilhite (Tuskegee); 2. Tie — Carl Bailey Oziah Thompson (Florida); 3. A Turner (Fort Valley State). Height: 11 Feet, 9 Inches.

HIGH JUMP — 1. Frank Thomas (Fort Valley State); 2. Oldin Stinson (Morehouse); 3. Tie — Samuel Tucker (Allen) and Charles Ashley (Xavier). Height: 6 Feet, 1-4 inches.

SHOT PUT — 1. Manilus Hall (Florida); 2. Arthur Davis (Alabama State); 3. Schelly Lipscomb (Morehouse); 4. Alphonso Varner (Florida). Distance: 44 Feet, 4 Inches.

JAVELIN THROW — 1. Elon Robinson (Xavier); 2. Schelly Lipscomb (Morehouse); 3. Wallace Bly (Morris Brown); 4. Alfred Wyatt (Clark). Distance 187 Feet, 4 Inches.

DISCUS THROW — 1. Manilus Hall (Florida); 2. Clayborn Edwards (Morris Brown); 3. Augustus White (Morehouse); 4. Alphonso Varner (Florida). Distance: 128 Feet, 8 Inches.

RUNNING BROAD JUMP — 1. Edward Tolliver (Morris Brown); 2. Manilus Hall (Florida); 3. Oldin Stinson (Morehouse); 4. Charles Ashley (Xavier)

Dillard, Hurdle Titlist, Files Entry for Inquirer Meet

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By ART MORROW

William Harrison Dillard, king of the kangaroos, registered formally yesterday to compete in the sixth annual Inquirer Indoor Invitation Track Meet at Convention Hall on the evening of Friday, Jan. 20.

The Olympic 100-meter champion, after his fourth successive victory in the 50-yard high hurdles, is the second 19[illegible] winner and the fourth U. S. titlist to enter first major banked-board extravaganza of the winter.

The Rev. Bob Richards, the outdoor pole vault champion, plans to seek his third straight triumph here in his specialty, with his Illinois AC teammate, 1500-meter king Johnny Twomey, in The Inquirer Mile. FB Agent Fred Wilt, the New York AC's 5000—and 10,000-meter standard-bearer, has filed for the Lawson Robertson Two-Mile and, provisionally, also for the eight-furlong namepiece.

EQUALED OWN RECORD

Dillard, former Baldwin-Wallace College incandescent who now competes unattached out of Cleveland, O., equaled his own championship record of 7.2 seconds last February in beating Penn State's Jim Gehrdes at Madison Square Garden for his third AAU 60-yard high hurdles crown. Earlier in the winter, again in beating Gehrdes, he had matched Ohio State Bob Wright's National 50-yard timbers mark of 0:06.1 at Convention Hall.

The 25-year-old Clevelander never has known defeat in The Inquirer carnival. In 1947 he beat the Mitchell brothers, Tom and Bill, with Sweden's Haakon Lidman relegated to fourth in a race won in 0:06.3, and in '48 he defeated his predecessor as U. S. kangaroo king, Dayton's Ed Dugger, as well as the Mitchells Bill Mitchell, a 1945 Inquirer hurdles winner as a Cherry Point Marine, finished behind Gehrdes and ahead of Dugger in last winter's test.

Dillard's victories here in 1947-48 constituted part of a string unmatched in track and field athletics. Beaten in the 1946 Penn Relays when he pulled a hamstring muscle but insisted on going through with the engagement anyway, the lanky Ohioan then proceeded to reel off 82 victories in a row.

There are few hurdles records today that Dillard does not own, either outright or in partnership, but just when it seemed he was invincible, he came a-cropper in the Olympic trials of '48. He faltered on the seventh barrier, and failed to qualify as a hurdler for the U. S. team.

Despite a world-wide gasp of astonishment, the failure was perhaps understandable enough. Dillard, not content to concentrate on the hurdles, also competed in the sprint, and in the opinion of many of his colleagues, thus threw him off his unorthodox stride as a fence-topper.

Even the fact that he did gain a place on the U. S. squad as a sprinter failed to impress most cinderpath observers, however, for few accorded him much chance against the world's best at the century. But Dillard, rebounding from frustration and disappointment, buckled down to the flat-racing event—and not only won at London, but equaled the Olympic record of 0:10.3 in shading Lancaster's Barney Ewell.

This was voted the outstanding sports comeback of 1948, and though ultimately stopped outdoors by UCLA's Craig Dixon in the AAU meet at Fresno, Calif., Dillard spun a new streak of victories over the timbers last year.

STIRRING PERFORMANCE

His triumph in the Olympic Games wrote a stirring chapter in the personal history of W. H. Dillard. It looked as though fate itself had taken a hand, for though he'd never expected it, hurdler Dillard's whole career received both its inspiration and its impetus from the 1936 Olympic 100-meter victor, Jesse Owens.

Dillard was a scrawny kid of 13 running around the playgrounds of east Cleveland, when Owens visited his settlement house in 1938 and spotted him in action. Owens' triple victory at Berlin in '36 was still too fresh for any Ohio kid to forget, and Dillard hung anxiously to every word spoken by the man whose feats had confounded Hitler.

But Owens not only spoke words of encouragement to Dillard; he gave the kid a pair of track shoes and if these had been magic seven-league boots, they could hardly have been put to better use. Dillard wore them for three years, and by the time he reached Baldwin-Wallace, according to Coach Eddie Finnigan, he was as fast as he ever needed to be. The war interrupted Dillard's college career, but after serving in Europe, he returned from the Army as fleet and limber as ever. Finnigan clocked him in 9.6 seconds for 100 yards, 0:47.4 for 440.

It was this speed that Dillard put to such telling advantage in the timber-topping he's since made his specialty. Where he was fast to form, he re-wrote the book as to form. Where most fencers try to skim over, Dillard veritably catapaults himself over, springing from a point seven and a half feet in front of the barrier and landing six feet beyond—a 13½-foot bound fully 24 inches longer than the average.

His feats stirred such pride among fellow students at little Baldwin-Wallace that they raised $1500 to set up a scholarship for Dillard's son—when and if he marries and has one!

That, of course, lies in the future. More immediate is Dillard's plan to score again at Convention Hall next month.

ARTICULAR STYLE AIDS

SEEKS 4TH STRAIGHT Harrison Dillard will defend his 50-yard high hurdle honor for the third time in the Inquirer Indoor Track Meet at Convention Hall, Jan. 20.

M'house Rolls Up 85 Points To Retain City Track, Field Crown

Memphis World
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BY JOEL W. SMITH

The Morehouse College Maroon Tigers rolled up 85 points to capture top honors in the annual City And Field Championships, held Saturday afternoon, on the Atlanta University Athletic Field. The Morris Brown College Purple Wolverines and Clark Cardinal and Black Panthers followed with 55 and 20 points respectively.

Atlanta Daily World

In retaining their track laurels, the Morehouse cindermen outscored their intracity rivals in the running events and then went on to clean up most of weights and jumping events. The Maroon Tigers scored ten "firsts" on the 15-event program; the Purple Wolverines chalked up four and the Cardinal Panthers one.

THREE DOUBLE WINNERS

The three double winners were Frederick Guy, Morehouse's sprint sensation; Maurice White, jumping star at Morris Brown; and Schelly Lipscomb, hard-working Morehouse field star. Guy, of Little Rock, Ark., streaked home in 9.6 seconds to take the "century" and won the 220-Yard Run in 21.6. Maurice White, of Linden, N. J., topped the field in the High and Running jumps, while Lipscomb, of Atlanta won the Shot Put and Javelin Throw.

Also outstanding in the individual events were Jerry Barr, Clark's promising young distance runner from Philadelphia who ran away from the field in the One-Mile Run; Carl Peal, Morris Brown's middle distance star from Springfield, Ohio, who put on a driving finish to cop the 440-Yard Run; and John Pearson, versatile Morehouse performer from Birmingham, Ala., came up with a brilliant pick-up to hit the tape first in the 880-Yard Run.

MOREHOUSE WINS ONE MILE RELAY

The Morehouse foursome of Worth Christler, Leonard Gainey, Blaine Gaffney and Johnnie Floyd gave the fans a real thrill in romping to victory in the One Mile Relay.

Other individual winners included: Charles Carey (Morehouse) of Plainfield, N. J., 120-Yard High Hurdles; Edward Tolliver (Morris Brown) of Springfield, Ohio, 220-Yard Low Hurles; James Greene (Morehouse) of Elkins, W. Va., Two-Mile Run; James Traylor (Morehouse) of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Augustus White (Morehouse) of Birmingham, Ala., Discus Throw.

SUMMARIES

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120-HIGH HURDLES—1. Charles Carey (Morehouse); 2. Alfred Hatchett (Morris Brown); 3. Theophilus Neal (Morehouse). TIME: 16.3.

220-YARD RUN—1. Frederick Guy (Morehouse); 2. Samuel Ellis (Morris Brown); Leonard Gainey (Morehouse); 4. Johnny Richards (Clark), TIME: 21.6

220-LOW HURDLES—1. Edward Tolliver (Morris Brown); 2. Charles Carey (Morehouse); 3. Alfred Hatchett (Morris Brown); 4. Theolophilus Neal (Morehouse). TIME: 25.1

440-YARD RUN—1. Carl Peal (Morris Brown; 2. Johnnie Floyd (Morehouse); 3. Cleve Lewter (Morris Brown); 4. Glaine Gaffney (Morehouse). TIME: 49.7

880-YARD RUN—1. John Pearson (Morehouse); 2. Cleo Lewter (Morris Brown); 3. Jerry Barr (Clark); 4. Robert Barham (Clark). TIME 2:3.9

ONE MILE RUN—1. Jerry Barr (Clark); 2. Henry Rice (Morehouse); 3. Rudolph Smith (Morehouse); 4. Dewey Saunders (Morris Brown). TIME: 4:48.0

TWO -MILE RUN — 1. James Greene (Morehouse); 2. Henry Rice (Morehouse); 3. Rudolph Smith (Morehouse); 4. Dewey Saunders (Morris Brown). TIME: 11:21.8

ONE MILE RELAY—1. Morehouse (Worth Christler, Leonard Gainey, Blaine Gaffney, Johnnie Floyd); 2. Morris Brown (Cleve Lewter, Edward Tolliver Cleo Lewter, Carl Peal); 3. Clark (Calvin Mapp, Kelley Henry, John White, Raymond Williams); 4. Piney Acres Club (James Yizard, Harold Grissom, Lawrence Sherard, James Bush). TIME 3:25.1

FIELD EVENTS

POLE VAULT—1. James Traylor (Morehouse); 2. Alfred Hatchett (Morris Brown); 3. Leonard Gainey (Morehouse). HEIGHT: 10 Feet.

HIGH JUMP—1. Maurice White (Morris Brown); 2. Olden Stinson (Morehouse); 3. Charles Carey (Morehouse); 4. Schelly Lipscomb (Morehouse). HEIGHT: 6 Feet.

SHOT PUT—1. Schelly Lipscomb (Morehouse); 2. Augustus White (Morehouse); 2. Jerry Hobbs (Clark); 4. Charles Carey (Morehouse). DISTANCE: 39 Feet, 5 Inches.

JAVELIN THROW: 1. Schelly Lipscomb (Morehouse); 2. Alfred Wyatt (Clark); 3. Wallace Bly (Morris Brown); Alfred Hatchett (Morris Brown. DISTANCE: 174 Feet, 6 Inches.

DISCUS THROW—1. Augustus White (Morehouse); 2. Clayborn Edwards (Morris Brown); 3. Hubert Mynatt (Clark); 4. Preston Jackson (Morris Brown). DISTANCE: 115 Feet, 7 1-2 Inches.

RUNNING BROAD JUMP—1 Maurice White (Morris Brown); 2 Oldin Stinson (Morehouse); 3. Edward Tolliver (Morris Brown; 4. Alfred Wyatt (Clark). DISTANCE 20 Feet, 4 1-2 Inches.

20-Year Old Son Of "Rochester" Is Champ Track Star

Nashville Globe
Nashville, Tenn.
Fri 5-20-49

New York—Billy Anderson, 20 year old son of Eddie Anderson, heard as Rochester with CBS' Jack Benny, set two national junior college track records last week. He ran the 120-yard high hurdle in 14 seconds flat, 3 under the preceding record, and did the 220 yard low hurdles in 23.2 seconds, shaving the old mark by one-tenth of a second. Anderson also won the broad jump with a leap of 22 feet 6 3-4 inches.

Honors Taken By Bumble Bee In Yacht Race

New York Herald Tribune
New York, N. Y.

Aileen Is Second and Sagola Third as 88 Boats Turn Out at Port Washington

Sun. 6-5-49

By Doug Kennedy

PORT WASHINGTON, L. I., June 4.—The seventh Y. R. A. regatta of the young season brought forth eight-yeight boats today for the non-championship race, produced perfect weather with the season's first southwester, a light one, and turned up the usual winners in the top classes as the boats, on fairly short courses, got home to an early finish.

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Leading the Internationals, as usual, was Arthur Knapp, sailing William Stanley's Bumble Bee. Last year's champ in the class brought Bumble Bee home almost a minute ahead of Aileen, skippered by Corny Shields, while George Hinman in Sagola was third of the fourteen starters.

The bigger boats, favored by the seven-knot breeze, took off from the mid-Sound start, beat to Prospect Point, had a reach to the bird cage, a run to parsonage, and a beat back for an eight-mile course.

The Atlantic Class standings were shaken up a bit when Lenny Romagna, in Ro's Folly, slipped to fourth behind the winning race of Van Wyck Loomis in Hound. Loomis was twelve seconds ahead of William Borst's Sirocco in the day's closest finish. Third went to Malcolm Tuttle in Little Lulu.

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Paul Cook's refurbished Kestrel took the S Class honors from Willy Olsen's Woodcock by better than a minute with Robert McCullough's Felicity in third position.

The Star Class produced its usual dogfight between the perennial leaders as Skip Etchells brought his Shillalah across the finish line just nineteen seconds in front of Patrick O'Gorman's Wahini. The 210 class winner was Thomas Fitzsimmon's Tomuz.

The regatta, run by the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, was put on with its usual competence by chairman Robert W. Fraser, whose courses were not upset when later in the afternoon the southwester slipped down to the south. Speaking of the southwester, that class turned up with two boats, which as is the custom this year, sailed a long course. They were the last to finish.

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The summaries:

International Class

1, Numble Bee, William H. Stanley; 2, Aileen, Cornelius Shields; 3, Sagola, George R. Hinman; 4, Brendy, Donald Millar; 5, Blacksarrow, Donald Mackenzie; 6, 3 Belles, Harry Powell jr.; 7, Spellbound, A. Charles Barton; 9, Lady Bug, Robert De Coppet; 9, Hope, William E. John jr.; 10, Wisp, John T. Potter; 11, Grilse, W. Roy Manny and Phil Patton; 12, Elsalan, Frederick Hahnel; 13, Freya, John K. Starkweather; 14, Marsie, Charles S. Barrington.

Atlantic Class

1, Hound, Van Wyck Loomis; 2, Sirocco, William H. Borst; 3, Little Lulu, Malcolm H. Tuttle; 4, Ro's Folly, Leonard Romagna; 5, Whitecap, Frederick J. Huttrer; 6, Chica, William H. Tripp; 7, Flying Cloud, Theo. H. Reyling; 8, Virginia, Stroald and Trygvie Meyer; did not finish, Ripple, Gustave Konz.

110 Class

1, Barnstormer, Stanley H. Barnes; 2, Interim, The Willcoxes; 3, Wow, G. R. Corwin; 4, Hurricane, Harry Herbert; 5, Stormalong, Sally Naumann; 6, Faina, William Hornidge jr.; 7, Iris, Cornelius Shields jr.; 8, Saspooh; 2, Henry T. Hornidge jr.; 9, Seadown, Sheinz Koehler; 10, Corsair, Harry T. Malloy; 11, Suda, Margot and Martin Gotte; 12, Flirt, William H. Lynn; 13, Hubahuba, G. R. Corwin; 14, Nipper, Patricia Pearson; 15, Stern, L. G. Cross; 16, Fickle, Robert Fisher; 17, Cess, Sparkman Syndicate.

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S Class

1, Kesterel, Paul G. Cook; 2, Woodcock, Willy A. Olsen; 3, Felicity, Robert H. McCullough; 4, Chica, Joseph S. Curren; 5, Sgale, Harry M. Wootten; 6, Pandora, U. S. M. A.; 7, Twister, George Hoffman; 8, Kehitabel VIII, D. B. King; 9, Royal Scot, E. S. Deans; 10, Brandy, John E. Mosman.

Snipe Class

1, Tiamat, Kleppner Brothers; 2, Gala, Jean Blanchard; 3, Stahrdust, Robert S. Stahr.

Lightning Class

1, Foose, Paul E. Forsman; 2, Spray, S. Chester Peet jr.; 3, Feather, Albert A. Eckhardt jr.; 4, Frolic II, A. V. and J. D. Amy; 5, Lolo, J. B. Jenkins; 6, Glissando, Phillip W. Oppenheimer; 7, Racet, Leroy and Alce Amy; 8, Pippin, George Hands; 9, Whiffenpoof II, Wilmer R. Wright; 10, Rashel II, Leonard Levine; 11, No. 1476; 12, Salt Winds, J. L. Seymour; 13, Ragtime, William Byam.

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Star Class

1, Shillalah, E. W. Etchells; 2, Wahini, Patrick O'Gorman; 3, No. 2109; 4, No. 2127; 5, Sabik, Ken Schwartz; 6, Valiant, W. H. Voebel.

210 Class

1, Tomuz, Thomas Fitzsimmons; 2, Pride, Richard Becker; 3, Whim, Aileen Shields; 4, Frantic, Nancy Cullen; 5, Spadashan, T. E. Ronan; 6, Snixie, Grace Emons; 7, Bounty, R. P. Weil jr.; did not finish, Acadia, Douglas Campbell.

Southwester Class

1, Sportin' Life, Howard Klarman; 2, Shelby II, Thomas R. Ball.

He's Jinx at Relays

Detroit Free Press
Detroit, Mich.
Sat 4-30-49

Beats State Twice in Drake Carnival

Free Press Wire Services

Michigan State's brilliant cast of distance-running stars finally has been overshadowed.

After dominating the major indoor meets, the Spartans went to the 40th annual Drake Relays with their eyes set on four titles. On the opening program, however, the Michigan State aces ran afoul of smooth-striding Don Gehrmann, of the University of Wisconsin.

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GEHRMANN THE winner of the famed Wanamaker Mile in the Millrose Games during the indoor season, gave up a shot at the world outdoor mile record to run the anchor leg on the Badger relay teams.

The lean, bespectacled Gehrmann was off to a superlative start as he paced Wisconsin to two victories on the opening day of the meet. The triumphs came in the sprint medley and the distance medley and each time Michigan State was a victim.

Gehrmann

In the sprint medley—Gehrmann started his 880-yard leg 15 yards behind Bill Leonard, of Notre Dame, and Jack Dianetti, of Michigan State.

THE BADGER STAR closed strong finishing kick to win by the gap quickly and took the lead. two yards over Tarrant, with Dianetti surged back to the front Dianetti another yard back. on the backstretch and then Harold Tarrant, of the Oklahoma The time for the sprint medley was 3:24, with Gehrmann lunged across Aggies, rallied to make it a three-way battle. Twenty-five yards from the tape Gehrmann went past gan State's anchorman, Bill Mack, mile was 4:13.1. Dianetti again. He put on a was in second place with Gehr-time was 10:13.7. mann 20 yards farther back

4-30-49

In Saturday's events Gehrmann will face Michigan State again in the featured two and four-mile relays.

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GEHRMANN caught Mack a ards from the finish and 1:51.

In the distance medley Michi- Gehrmann's

State star.

MICHIGAN STATE compiled the fastest qualifying times in the 440 and 880-yard sprint relay heats. They had clockings of 41.9 and 1:26.6, respectively.

While Gehrmann took the spotlight, one Drake record fell. It was made by Byrl Thompson, of Minnesota, in the discus with a toss of 170 feet, three inches.

Meanwhile, in the Penn Relays at Philadelphia, an unheralded Wayne University 440-yard relay team turned in a major upset.

The Wayne quartet of Leon Wingo, Irving Patross, Lorenzo Wright and Buddy Coleman, captured the classic Penn event in a blanket finish with Indiana and Army.

So close was the finish that all three teams were clocked in 41.7 seconds. Penn State, the fourth-place team, had a time of 41.8.

Euell's Double Win Aids LaSalle

PHILADELPHIA — A double victory by Frisby Euell, LaSalle College junior, provided precious points as the Explorers edged Swarthmore College in one of two track meets which opened the local collegiate track season in ideal weather here last Saturday afternoon.

LaSalle won nine of 14 possible first places, but barely nosed out its rival, 64⅓ to 61⅔, at Swarthmore.

Johnson Stars

Euell's victories came in the 220-yard dash, which he won in 22.7, and the quarter-mile, which he sped in the good time of 50.7.

In the second local meet, Hardamon Johnson, who set an individual scoring record at Temple University last season, got off to a good start as the Owls were toppled by St. Joseph College, 77½ to 48½, at Temple Stadium.

3 TITLES TO DEFEND

CCC Has Spartan on Run

Special to the Free Press

EAST LANSING—The busiest athlete in the 22nd annual Central Collegiate track meet here Saturday will be Michigan State's Fred Johnson.

The versatile Spartan star will defend three individual championships he won a year ago. He holds the crowns in the 75-yard dash, 75-yard low hurdles and broadjump.

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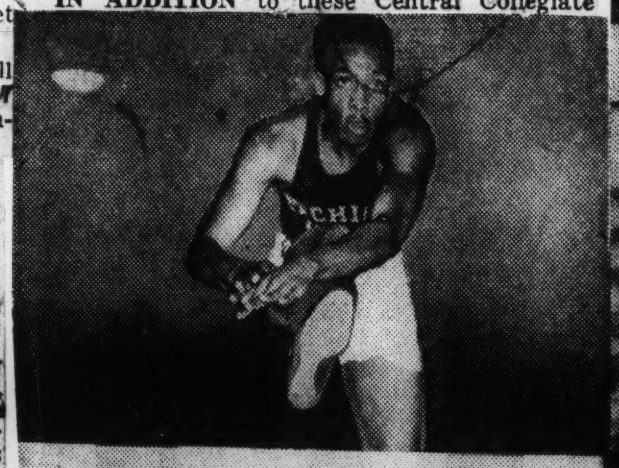
IN ADDITION to these Central Collegiate



FRED JOHNSON
Spartan star faces activity-full day

titles, Johnson holds the National AAU outdoor title, IC4A indoor crown and eight Spartan varsity records.

When he won the Central Collegiate broadjump a year ago, Johnson leaped 25 feet, 4¾ inches. He has not hit the 25-foot mark this season. The Spartan star, however, now is in top condition and may reach the coveted goal this week-end.

Johnson is one of four Michigan State stars who will put titles on the block in the Central Collegiates. The others are Tom Irmen in the mile, Jack Dianetti in the 880 and Bob Kritzer in the 300-yard dash.

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A FIELD of 225 athletes from 15 schools will participate in the meet.

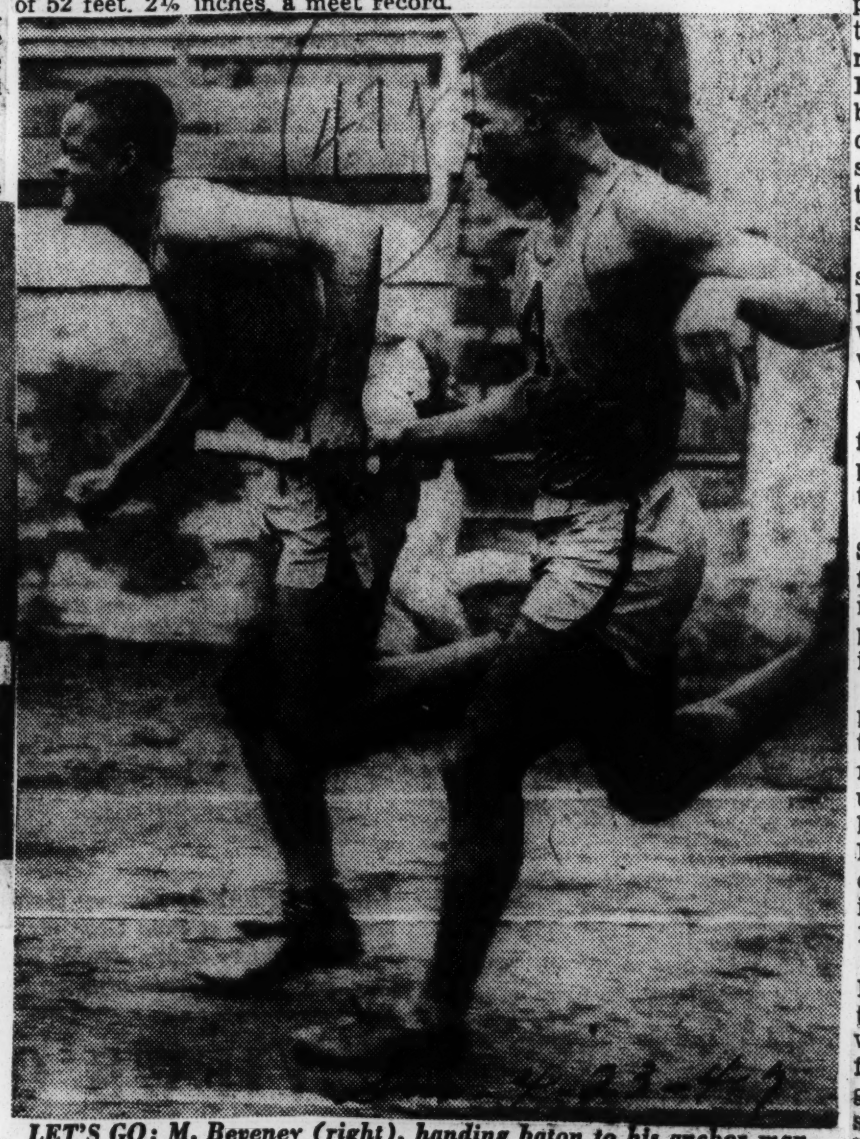
Michigan State's opposition will come from Notre Dame, Bowling Green, Bradley, Central Michigan, Drake, Hillsdale, Kansas State, Loyola of Chicago, Marquette, Miami of Ohio, Michigan Normal, Oklahoma, Wayne and Western Michigan.

In addition to the four Spartan aces who will defend titles, four other 1948 winners will be back.

They are Willis Bachman, of Miami, in the high jump; Roy Potochnik, of Marquette, in the pole vault; Roland Prather, of Kansas State, in the shot put, and Jim Murphy, of Notre Dame, in the two-mile run.

WITH MICHIGAN'S Charley Fonville on the sidelines with a back injury, Prather rates as one of the nation's outstanding shot put stars.

He copped the title here last year with a toss of 52 feet, 2¼ inches, a meet record.



LET'S GO: M. Beveney (right), handing baton to his anchor man, A. Harding, as Armstrong Technical H. S. of Washington, D. C., wins first heat in high school eastern championship quarter-mile relay Ted Kell

Loughlin and Boys' High Take Relay Titles at Seton Hall Meet

Purple and Gold Wins Mile and 880-Yard Races; Seton Hall Captures Two Prep Crowns

By Court Page

NEWARK, N. J., April 22.—In the most adverse condition in the three-year history of the annual Seton Hall relay carnival, Bishop Loughlin and Boys' High captured the laurels in the high school division while favored Seton Hall Prep swept both prep school events.

Bishop Loughlin, running a poor fourth on the first leg of the half-mile relay, moved up on Frank Thomas's brilliant third leg to pass favored Boys' High as the fourth leg began and won by five yards in the excellent time of 1:36.8. The Purple and Blue also captured the one-mile relay, whipping St. Michael's of Jersey City by twenty-five yards. Boys' did not enter a team in this event.

For the third straight year, Boys' High captured the quarter-mile relay, nipping a tough Cardozo High, of Washington, by two yards in 0:45.6. This was accomplished with only one member of the 1948 team that established a national record at the Penn relays. He was Jim Conaway, who ran a brilliant anchor leg to stave off a desperate bid the Washington school's Joe Walker, former national indoor 60-yard scholastic sprint champion.

A wind-lashed rain began at the start of the carnival and did not let up. By the time the final event was run offfi, the athletes were cavorting in ankle-deep mud and virtual total darkness.

As expected, Seton Hall's powerful track squad ran away with the prep school 440-yard relay and the two-mile relay.

In the quarter-mile event, the Setonians whipped Poly Prep by fifteen yards and in the two-mile relay there was absolutely no competition. The winners was clocked in 8:49.

The high school half-mile relay proved to be the hair raiser of the soggy afternoon. After the running of the heats it was a toss up among Loughlin, Boys', Lyndhurst and Cardinal Hayes. Both Boys and Loughlon had been clocked in 1:35.6 while Hayes finished across the finish line in 1:36.2.

On the first leg, Boys' Clarence Hartwell got the jump and held a two-yard lead over Lyndhurst, with Hayes third and Loughlin fourth. Just as the second lap began Lyndhurst forged ahead by a scant margin with Boys' second. Hayes third and Loughlin still fourth.

The third lap was to tell the story. Thomas, of the Purple and Gold, grabbed the baton and gradually caught and passed Boys'. Tom Collins retain a five-yard lead to the tape with Bob Moss, Boys' High anchor man second. Lyndhurst third and Hayes fourth.

AAU All-American

Negro Women Pace AAU All-American

Thirteen feminine track and field stars, including eight members of the victorious U. S. Olympic team, were named yesterday on the Women's All America team by the National Amateur Athletic Union.

The outstanding selection on the squad was the Negro star Audrey Patterson of Tennessee State College, Olympic sprinter who won three positions—the 100 and 200-meter runs and a berth on the mythical 400-meter relay quartet.

Frances Kaszubski of Cleveland, another Olympian, and Juanita Watson of Tuskegee Institute each won two places. Mrs. Kuszubski was named for two events in which she won national championships—the eight-pound shot put an the discuss throw. Miss Watson was selected for the 50-meter dash and the baseball throw.

Alice Coachman, another great Negro runner from Albany State College in Georgia, who won America its only gold medal in women's track and field by taking the high jump with a record leap of five feet, 6⅛ inches, won All America honors in her specialty.

The other Olympic competitors named on the All America squad were Theresa Manuel of Tuskegee, in the 50-meter hurdles; Bernice Robinson of Chicago, in the 80-meter hurdles; Ebba Reed of Tennessee State College, running broad jump; Dorothy Dodson of Chicago, in the javelin throw; and Mabel Walker of Tuskegee, on the 400-meter relay team.

Nancy Copperthwaite of New York, in the standing broad jump, Stella Gorka of Chicago, in the basketball throw; and Stella Walsh of Cleveland and Lilian Walsh of Chicago, on the 400-meter relay squad, completed the AAU's All-America.

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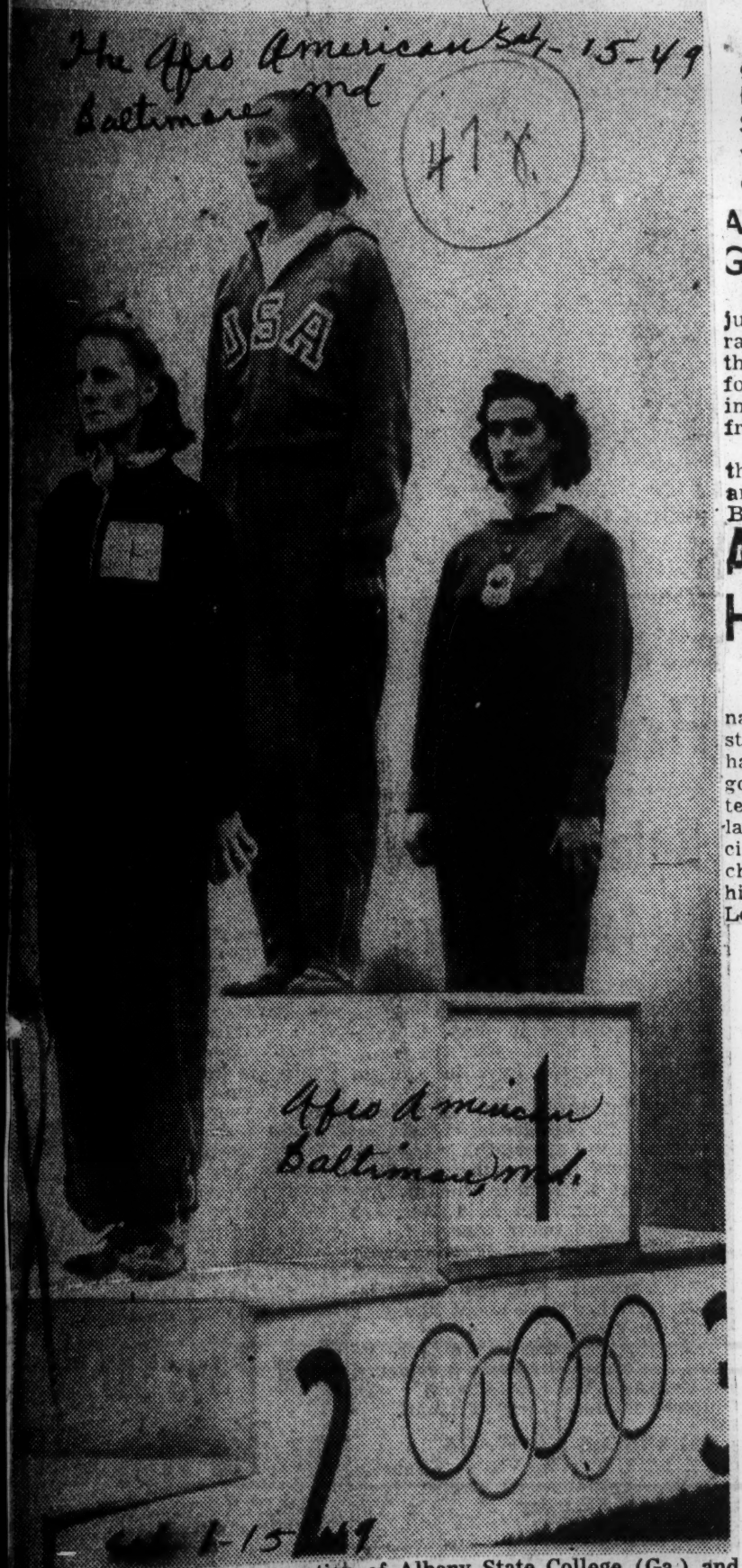
This Gave Her a Thrill, Too



Alice Coachman, cinder sensation of Albany State College (Ga.) and world's high-jump champion, got a big thrill out of being hoisted to the champion's podium at the London Olympics. However, she told the AFRO this week that her greatest thrill of 1948 came when she visited the White House and was presented to President Truman.

Olympic Star Named Track Coach At Macon School

MACON, Ga. — Alice Coachman, of Albany, Ga., Negro Olympic High Jump star, will teach Health and Physical Education at Ballard-Hudson Negro High in Macon this term. School officials said today she will be head track Coach, as well as assistant girls' Basketball Coach. She will assume duties with the opening of school this month.

Alice Coachman Gets B.S. Degree

ALBANY, Ga.—Olympic high jump champion, Alice Coachman, racked up "victory number one" this week, when she wound up her four-year college study by receiving the bachelor of science degree from Albany State College.

The degree was conferred upon the perennially victorious athlete and 110 other seniors by Dr. Aaron Brown, president.

Alice Coachman Hangs Up Spikes

MACON, Ga.—Alice Coachman, national AAU and Olympic track star, announced last week that she has hung up her spike shoes for good and will devote her time to teaching physical education at Ballard Hudson High School in this city. Besides being a national dash champion, she won the women's high jump at the last Olympics in London.

DILLARD JOINS CLEVELAND
INDIANS PROMOTING STAFF

Cleveland, Ohio- Harrison Dillard, 26 year old Olympic sprint champion on Monday was named to the promotional staff of the Cleveland Indians.

Tribe President Bill Veeck said that Mr. Dillard will go to work immediately as an assistant to Marshall Samuel, public relations director.

Mr. Veeck also stated that he will give the Baldwin-Wallace graduate any necessary time off for continuation of his track career. Most important track meets on Mr. Dillard's schedule are two in California late this month, a flying trip to England for competition against British cindermen in June 24 and 25.

The nationally known hurdles star won fame at the 1948 London games when he copped first place in the 100 meter dash and tied the Olympic mark.

Journal and Guide
Sat. 5-14-49
Norfolk, Va.

Howard U. Track Team Hears Inside Story of Harrison Dillard's Success

Baltimore Afro-American 4-16-49

WASHINGTON.

Harrison Dillard, slender Olympic 100-meter champion, gave a lecture and demonstration on hurdling and sprinting to feature Howard University's first annual track clinic held Friday in the Hilltop gym.

The former Baldwin-Wallace luminary, currently on a personal appearance tour, placed special emphasis on hurdling, calling it a science in itself.

Admitting that his style was not the accepted form, the winner of 7 consecutive races said he depends on speed and spring, and plenty of conditioning. In order to be in top shape, he revealed that he spends a half hour before meet warming up, plus 10 minutes of work before taking the hurdles.

Currently tabbed the uncrowned champion of the hurdling world, Dillard gave exhibitions of leg kicking, arm stretching, hurdlers' split and sitting back exercises prior to his demonstrations on the hurdles. Sat. 1-22-49

Tells Secret of Success

After demonstrating the alternate arm and leg action and the driving movement and taking the hurdles, the 25-year-old athlete revealed the secret of his ability to pull away from his opponents.

Bones, as he is affably called by close intimates, said he takes three strides between the hurdles in meets and five in practice. His takeoff is eight feet, 10 inches when approaching the hurdles whereas he lands from 4½ to 5 feet beyond the hurdles. The entire leap covers some 13 feet, 10 inches which is longer than that of the average hurdler, who leaps about 12 feet.

He takes seven steps between the low hurdles with the takeoff practically the same.

Dillard, who was recently acclaimed the "athlete of the year" in an AFRO poll, discussed sprinting, emphasizing that the height and build of the individual determined the style in which he ran.

Will Enter Business

Dillard offered helpful instructions to several Howard athletes after he had observed them in the hurdles and the sprint.

He holds a degree in business from Baldwin-Wallace, and plans to enter a men's clothing business, plans of which are tentatively outlined, he said.

He attributed his failure to qualify in the hurdles during the Olympic tryout to the fact "I just had a bad day. It was one of those days which creep upon you suddenly," he said. Baltimore Afro

Dillard lost his first start of the 1949 season in the Knights of Columbus games, as did a fellow Olympian, Mal Whitfield. He said he was not in top shape and would not enter any more meets until he thought he was ready.

Whitfield Flu Victim

Whitfield's failure was attributed to an attack of flu which prevented him from making a good showing in the 500-yard even won by Jim Gilhooley.

Other participants in the Bison's track clinic was Coach Edward L. Jackson, director of athletics, who welcomed the guests; John H. Burr, Howard, who discussed rules and officiating;

Dr. E. B. Henderson, director of health, physical education and safety in District School, Divisions 10-13, who recalled the history of track and enumerated the contributions by tan athletes; Benjamin Washington, CIAA commissioner, who served as chief judge of the high jump in the Evening Star meet; Sat. 1-22-49

Sylvester Hall, Cardozo track and football coach, who gave an interesting lecture on relay racing in which he emphasized visual and blind baton passing; and James T. Chambers, who discussed phases of the shot put and the running broad jump.

The objective of the clinic, conducted before several CIAA coaches, and athletes attending the Star meet, is to improve the current records through lectures and demonstration by experts in the various events, Coach Chambers asserted.

—F. L.

AAU Official Says South Cost Dillard Sullivan Cup

Atlanta, Ga. Constitution 4-16-49

CLEVELAND—(AP)—Certain Southerners cut Olympics track star Harrison Dillard out of the James E. Sullivan award because he is a Negro, AAU Official Jimmy Lee contended yesterday.

The South voted Dillard a fourth place in the balloting, said Lee, behind a girl, Alline Banks Sprouse, of Atlanta, Ga. The award goes annually to the athlete considered tops by AAU officials and sports writers of the nation.

"It seems obvious to me," said Lee, of the Northeastern Ohio AAU group, "that Dillard faded badly in the South because of his color."

Dillard was probably the standout star of the 1948 Olympics in London. He graduated last June from Baldwin Wallace College of Berea, Ohio.

Lee got the Southern vote totals in a letter from Dan Ferris, of New York, the AAU Secretary. In it, Ferris listed the South's ballot-ing as follows:

Bob Mathias, 17-year-old decathlon champion who won the Sullivan Trophy, 228 points; Bob Kurland, basketball, 148; Alline Banks Sprouse, Atlanta, also basketball; Dillard, 91 points. Sull.

Points are scored on the basis of five for first place, three for second and one for third. Lee said it is obvious that on that system Dillard received few first place votes. 1-11-49

He wired Ferris back, asking how many of those Dillard got in the South. Ferris has not replied yet.

Dillard has received second place in ullivan balloting two years in a row. Last year the award went to Jack Kelly for sculling.

Dillard-Pearman Cop West Indies Events

Journal & Guide Norfolk, Va. Sat 4-30-49

Trinidad, BWI-(INS)-Olympic sprint champion Harrison Dillard and Reggie Pearman. New York University arrived here Friday from Georgetown for the final stop of their brief tour of the Islands. Journal & Guide

They competed in Trinidad's annual sport carnival Saturday before returning to the United States. Norfolk, Va.

Dillard took special Sat 4-30-49 100-meters in 10.4 seconds the 120 yard hurdles in 14.8 at Georgetown Thursday. Pearson won the 400 and 880 yard handicaps in 50.2 seconds and 1:57.2 respectively.

Dillard's In Form; Wins Hurdles in Millrose Meet

Chicago Defender 2-19

NEW YORK—Running in true championship form, Harrison Dillard, former Baldwin-Wallace College star, who outdashed Ed Conwell of the Jersey City Board of Education in the 60-yard dash sprint. After two false starts, none of which Conwell was involved, the field, including the two abovenamed and Bill Mathias and Tom Carey of the Police Sports Association, fourth and third. In his specialty, the 880-yard run, Reggie Pearman, of New York University, who stirred the crowds two weeks ago with his sensational comeback victory at Cleveland, Ohio, outdistanced his entire field and won the 60-yard high hurdles in the fast time of 0.7.3 seconds Saturday at New York's annual Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden.

Veteran Edward Dugger was second and Fred Kirby Gehrdes of Penn State College tallied third. During the outstanding lap race meet Dillard was presented a trophy as the outstanding track performer of 1948 by the officers of the Millrose A. A. A. The presentation was made by Lou Miller of the New York Trackwriters Association.

sports writer for the World-Telegram.

One of the biggest upsets of the evening was the victory by Bill Dwyer of Brown University of Providence, R. I., who outdashed Ed Conwell of the Jersey City Board of Education in the 60-yard dash sprint. After two false starts, none of which Conwell was involved, the field, including the two abovenamed and Bill Mathias and Tom Carey of the Police Sports Association, fourth and third. In his specialty, the 880-yard run, Reggie Pearman, of New York University, who stirred the crowds two weeks ago with his sensational comeback victory at Cleveland, Ohio, outdistanced his entire field and won the 60-yard high hurdles in the fast time of 0.7.3 seconds Saturday at New York's annual Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden.

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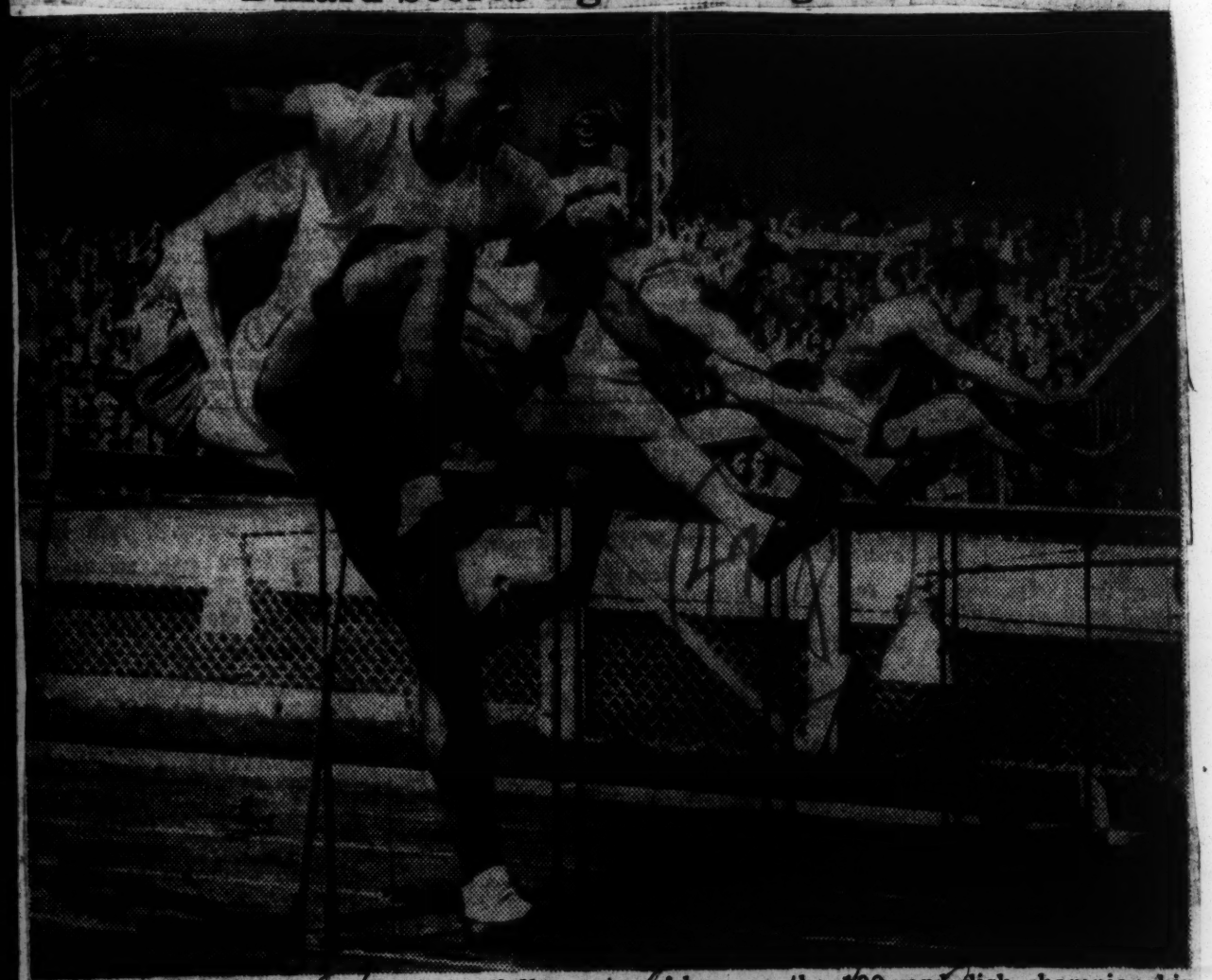
thereby taking the college mile relay cup.

THE COVER: According to Harrison Dillard, Olympic winner in the 100-meter race over the world's greatest dash men, "sprinters, including me, are a dime a dozen." Dillard's attitude toward hurdling, his specialty, is considerably more reverent. As a world's record holder in the 120-yard high and 220-yard low hurdles, Dillard believes that timber topping can be developed to a high art. Adequate proof that the ex-Baldwin-Wallace star has mastered both events appears on page 76. Dillard's coach, Eddie Finnigan, says his prize pupil is the fastest man he's ever seen getting to the first hurdle. Photographer Ed Wergeles caught Dillard in a typical, trigger-like start.

Dillard Scores Again in England



Harrison Dillard, former Baldwin-Wallace star, who won the 100-yard dish championship in the London Olympics last summer, again won on British soil, last week, when he streaked to victory in the 120-yard hurdles in the British Games at White City, England. Dillard is a member of the United States team now touring Europe.

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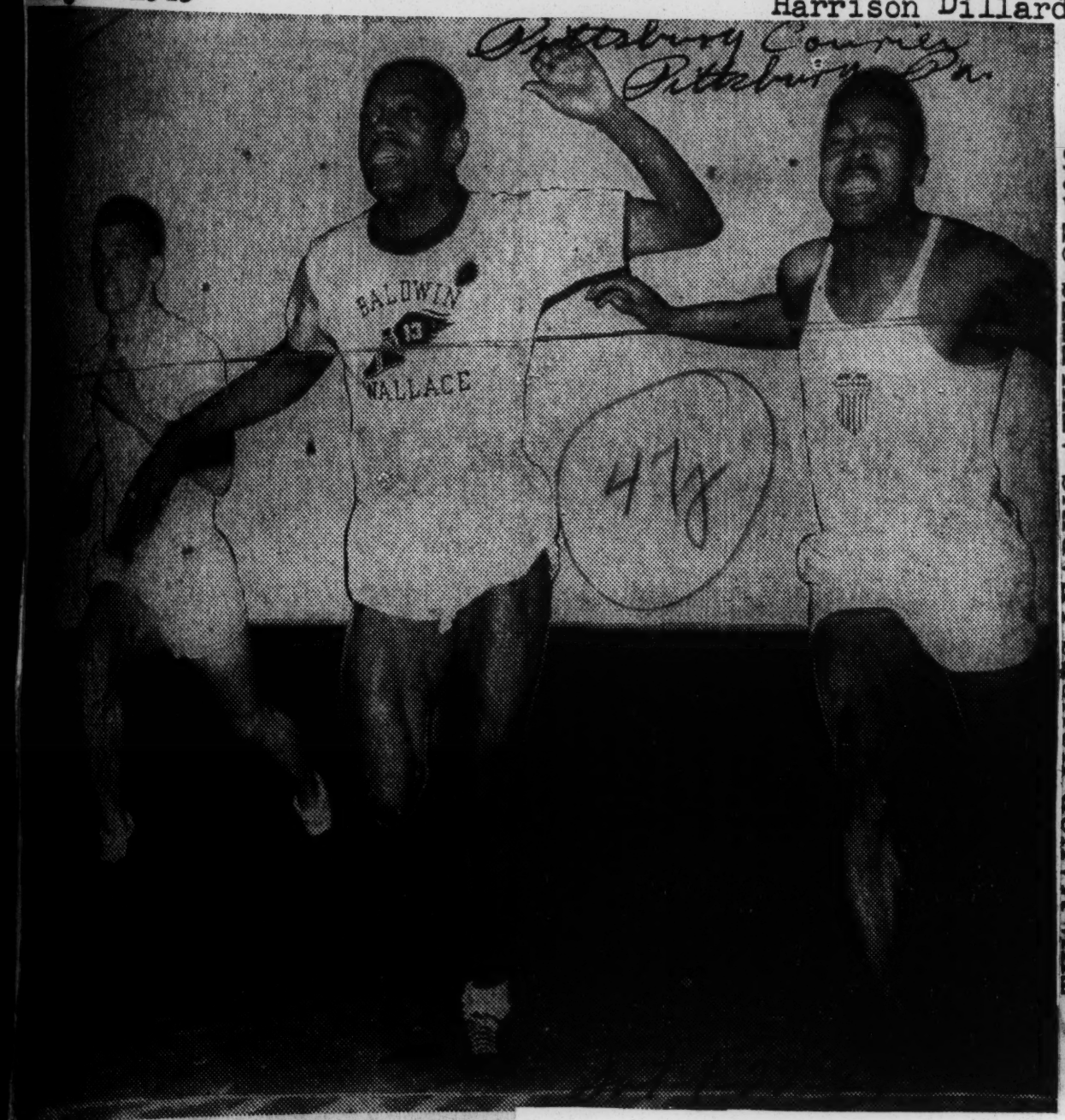

DILLARD DASHES TO VICTORY — Harrison Dillard, Olympic sprint king, winning the 80-yard event at the Knights of Columbus last week in Brooklyn. He beat out New York City policeman, Tom Carey, and New York University's Kra Kaplan. His time was 0:8.3. Chick Solomon Photo.

Harrison Dillard
on Sports Page
Baltimore, Md.

Harrison Dillard, one of America's three star athletes, selected as outstanding performers of the year by Sports Magazine, will be among the guests on "Sports Page," on WPIX, the N.Y. News television station, tonight (Tuesday), at 7:40.

MAYOR HONORS LEADING ATHLETES OF 1948

Mr. O'Dwyer in his office yesterday with last year's outstanding performers, Mr. Moore, left to right, Jack Kramer, Frank Albert, Harrison Dillard, Alex Groza, Buddy O'Connor and Doak Walker.

HONORED AS OUTSTANDING ATHLETES: Mayor O'Dwyer greets a half dozen of the nation's outstanding athletes who came here to attend Sport Magazine dinner last night at the Astor. Left to right: Jack Kramer, tennis; Frankie Albert, pro football; Harrison Dillard, track; Buddy O'Connor, hockey; Doak Walker, college football, and (in rear) Alex Groza, basketball Ted Kell

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Charley Fonville

Jenkins' Heave Tops State Mark

Grand Rapids 41'

Detroit Mich.

Miller High Shotputter Leads Thinclads in Romp over Cass Tech

Wed. 5-4-49

BY GEORGE PUSCAS

Walter Jenkins, brilliant Miller High School weight-man, unofficially shattered the State high school shotput record Tuesday with a tremendous toss of 55 feet, nine inches.

Looming as a possible successor to the great Charley Fonville, present world record holder who also is a Miller product, Jenkins easily surpassed the State record of 54 feet 7½ inches. It was set last year by Bob Carey, of Charlevoix, in the Class C state championship meet.

He also dwarfed the City League standard of 52 feet, ¼ inch set by Cass Tech's Ed Turaschoff in 1928.

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NOT EVEN FONVILLE, whose world mark is 58 feet, ¼ inch for the 16-pound shot, approached Turaschoff's record toss while he competed under Coach Leroy Dues at Miller.

Jenkins

Fonville's best toss at Miller six years ago was 51 feet.

Dues, a standout shotputter in his collegiate days at Wayne, insisted that Jenkins still has a long way to go before he can approach Fonville.

"He's not steady and you never can tell just how far he will toss it. But he's coming along—and who knows?"

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JENKINS' REMARKABLE feat was the highlight of Miller's 82½ to 21½ victory over Cass Tech over the Belle Isle track.

It was the third State record Detroit schoolboys have beaten in the last two seasons.

Northwestern's Stan McConnor claimed the 440-yard dash mark at :49.8, Fletcher Gilders set a national indoor pole vault mark at 13 feet, 3½ inches recently, and now comes the City's first weight threat since, well, even before Charley Fonville.

Stanfield Sprints to IC4A Dash Title, Equaling Record

Andy Stanfield, Seton Hall's elongated speedster, right, equaled the IC4A record of 6.2 seconds to win the 28th annual running of the event at Madison Square Garden, Saturday night. Favored Fred Johnson of Michigan State, extreme left, placed second. Ira Kaplan of NYU, partially hidden by Johnson, placed third. Stan Beckett of Syracuse, second from right, took fourth place, and Basil McKenzie of Seton Hall, center, also ran. Sat 3-5-49

Horace Smith Clips 9-Year Hurdle Mark at N.Y. Meet

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Andy Stanfield, Seton Hall Sprinter, Equals Dash Record; Johnson Wins Jump

By JAMES HICKS

NEW YORK (NNPA) — They like to see a champion come back at Madison Square Garden, and they loved the way Phil Thigpen of Seton Hall did it last Saturday night in the 28th annual running of the Intercollegiate association of Amateur Athletes of America.

Thigpen left the Garden two week ago disqualified and roundly booed for his so-called unsportsmanlike conduct in defense of his AAU 1000-yard title which he lost to Bob Mealy of Cornell.

But he came back to the Garden Saturday night and ran away from Mealy and others to win the 1C4A 1000-yard title and redeem himself to the cheers of thousands of the same fans who had booed him before.

Thigpen's efforts highlighted the action on the Garden's improvised board track as colored athletes, paced by Horace Smith and Fred Johnson and Jesse Thomas of Michigan State, Andy Stanfield and Basil McKenzie of Seton Hall and Paul Roberson Jr., of Cornell, dominated the dashes and the broad jump.

Clips 9-Year Record

Smith topped the timbers in the 60-yard high hurdles in 7.2 seconds to win that event and clip a tenth of a second off the old record set by Ed Dugger nine years ago. Thomas got in for a fifth place in the hurdles to add to Michigan State's total and aid in nosing out Yale University, 35 2-5 to 26 2-5.

In the 60-yard dash finals which saw four colored stars line up in a field of five, Stanfield won in 6.2 seconds to equal the IC4A meet record. Johnson of Michigan State slipped in for a second place and Stanley Beckett of Syracuse finished fourth. Basil McKenzie, colored star of Seton Hall, was fifth. Ira Kaplan, only white runner in the 60-yard finals, took third.

Dominate Broad Jump

Nosed out by Stanfield in the 60-yard dash, Johnson came back in the broad jump to beat Stanfield by more than a foot, leaping 24 feet, 6⅛ inches. Stanfield took second with a jump of 23 feet, 6 inches . Thomas got in another tally for Michigan State by taking third with a leap of 23 feet, 4½ inches, thus giving colored stars a 1-2-3 in that event.

In the high jump, Paul Robeson Jr., wearing the colors made famous on the gridiron by his father, went up to 6 feet, 2⅛ inches to share in a five-way tie for third place.

Thigpen's performance had all the earmarks of a thriller and that is the way it turned out.

They booed him when he toed the mark alongside Mealy. When the gun sounded he was off with the rest of them and when they hit the first turn of the oval saucer he was wedged in up front with the rest of the pack.

Changed Tactics

But instead of using his elbows and hands to fight for the lead on the pole as he had done, and had been disquantified for, on the previous Saturday night, Thigpen cut wide of the pack and ran almost up to the outer edge of the oval to avoid contact with any of the runners.

This, of course, was a costly move and when Phil leveled off on the pole in the straightaway he fell into fourth position about five yards off the pace.

He seemed content to stay there, however, and he ran steadily in that position until only two laps remained. Then he seemed to feel it was time to assert himself.

Still running a clean race and avoiding even near contact with any of the runners, Thigpen unleashed a burst of speed that carried him to the top of the string as the crowd began to roar.

Drives in Stretch

There were many in the Garden who felt that his early bid would prove so costly and that he would weaken before tape time, but when the other runners, including Mealy, made their last stretch bid Thigpen had more than enough and hit the tape going away with a three-yard lead over Warren Druetzler of Michigan State. Mealy had wilted under the blistering pace and finished a poor fifth.

As Thigpen trotted around the track following his victory the crowd gave him a tumultous ovation as a champion who had come back. His time was 2 minutes and 14.2 seconds, just four-tenths short of the IC4A record for the event.

Reggie Pearman, NYU middle distance ace, was never able to get going either in the 600 or the 1000 yards although he advanced to the finals in both events.

Smith's victory over Jim Gerhdes in the 60-yard high hurdles was so close it was necessary to hold up announcement of the winner of the event until photos from the Bulova phototimer could be developed.

Winners at Yesterday's A. A. U. Metropolitan Championships

Homer Gillis leaping 22 feet 8½ inches to take the broad jump event in the senior title meet at South Field

SPORT STARS OF '48 HONORED AT DINNER

New York Times

Baseball Awards to Boudreau, Cerdan, Hogan, Dillard

Also Get Statuettes

Although unable to be present, Citation, triple crown winner, was honored as one of sport's top performers of 1948 along with ten athletes at the dinner sponsored last night at the Hotel Astor by Sport magazine. A gathering of 1,000 attended the affair.

The selections were those of a panel of judges chosen by the magazine. Besides Citation, others who were not on hand to receive special trophies before a big gathering included Ben Hogan, United States open golf champion, who is on the Pacific Coast, and Marcel Cerdan of Paris, world middleweight champion.

Lou Boudreau, shortstop and manager of the world champion Cleveland Indians, not only was named as outstanding in baseball but had the added distinction of being chosen as the athlete of the year.

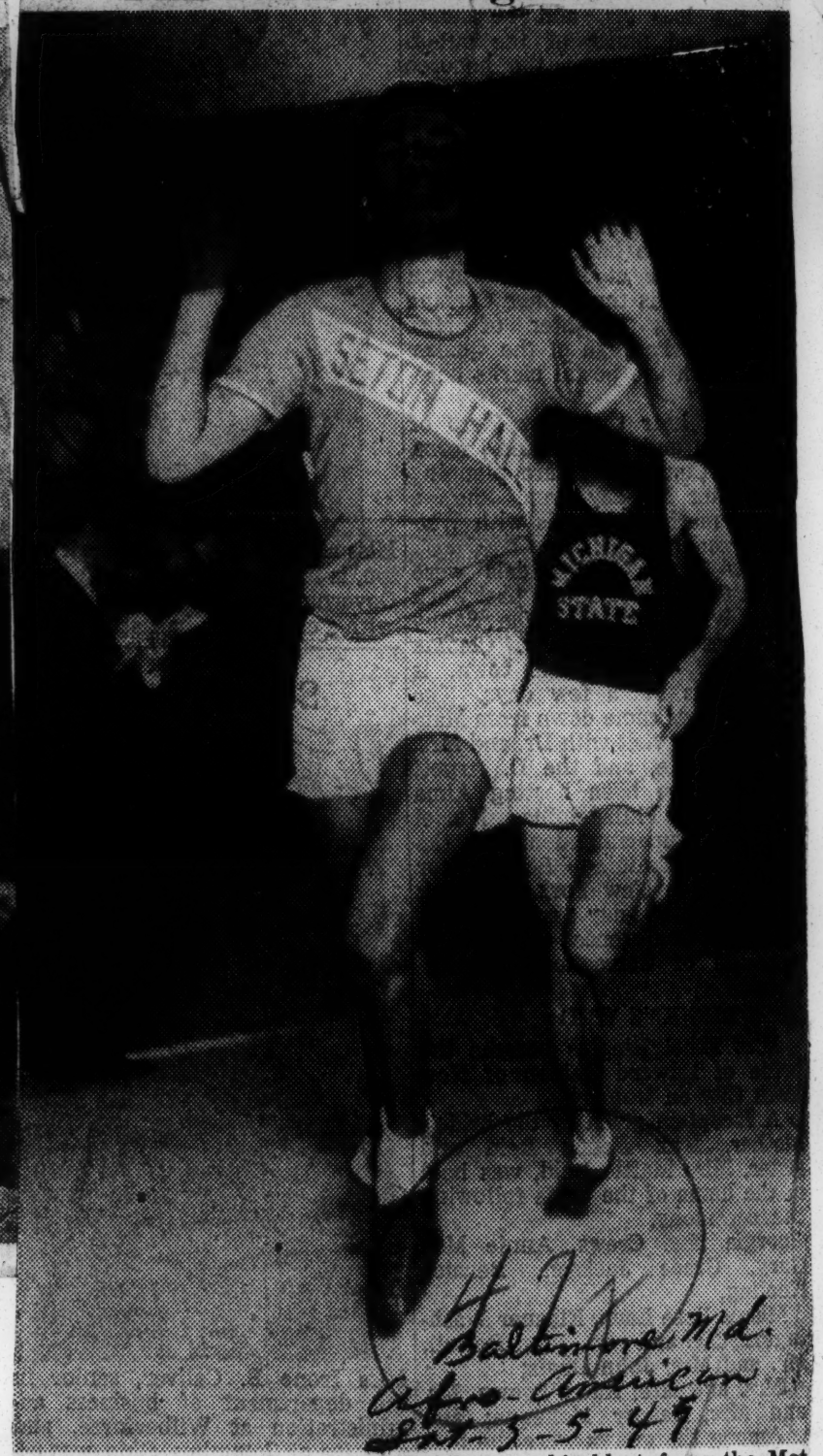
Others named included Alex Groza of the University of Kentucky, for basketball; Doak Walker, Southern Methodist, college football; Frankie Albert, San Francisco '49ers, pro football; Buddy O'Connor of the New York Rangers, hockey; Joe Verdeur of LaSalle College, Philadelphia, swimming; Jack Kramer, tennis, and Harrison Dillard, Olympic sprint champion, track and field. O. J. Elder, publisher of the magazine, made the presentations of bronze statuettes.

Spencer Drayton, executive secretary of the Thoroughbred Racing Association, accepted on behalf of Warren Wright, owner of Citation, and Cerdan also accepted by proxy. Hogan was the recipient of his honor on the coast.

Before the ceremonies the athletes were greeted at City Hall by Mayor O'Dwyer and later were guests at a luncheon at the Downtown A. C.

Among the guests were District Attorney Frank Hogan; Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion; Ford Frick, president of the National League; Bill Veeck, Cleveland Indians' president; Dan Ferris, secretary-treasurer of the National A. A. U.; Ed Danowski, Fordham football coach; Lester Patrick, vice president of Madison Square Garden, and Johnny Farrell, golf professional.

Phil Finds Revenge Sweet



Seton Hall's Phil Thigpen, victim of last week's blast from the Met Track Writers Association in "L'Affaire Francaise" in his duel with Marcelle Hansenne proved his mettle by extricating himself from a hopeless "boxing job" from his adversaries to win the IC4A's 1000-yard run at Madison Square Garden on Saturday night. Here, Thigpen crosses the finish line three yards ahead of Warren Dreutzler of Michigan State. His winning time was 2:14.2..

McKenley Runs 220 in World Record 0:21 Around Turn; Dutch Woman Takes 3 Races

By The Associated Press.

SYDNEY, Jan. 22—Herb McKenley, Jamaica's Olympic runner, bettered the world mark for 220 yards around a curve today and at the same time lowered the Australian mark for the furlong. He was timed in 21 seconds.

The listed world record for 220 yards around a curve is 21.2 seconds made by Ralph Metcalfe in 1935. The Australian mark is the same, but was set on a straightaway by John Treloar in 1946. The regular world record for the 220 of 20.3 seconds is held by Jesse Owens of the United States.

"I'll claim today's time as a world record when I return to the United States," McKenley said after his triumph on the track of the Sydney Cricket Club.

Earlier in the afternoon Lloyd La Beach of Panama, former University of Wisconsin sprinter, equaled Treloar's clocking in a preliminary heat. In the final McKenley led all the way, with John Bartram of Australia finishing in second place and La Beach third.

McKenley Second In Aussie Meet

SYDNEY, Australia — (AND)— Herb McKenley, world 440-yard record holder, placed second in that event in the Australian track meet. The former University of Illinois star who hails from Jamacia, B. W. I., was timed in 48 seconds.

Lloyd LaBeach, former University of Wisconsin track star from Panama, won the 100-yard dash in 9.8 seconds, one-fifth of a second slower than the Astralian record.

LaBeach represented Panama in the 1948 Olympics. McKenley wore the colors of Jamaica.

McKenley Under AAU Suspension

Record-Breaker On Way to Australia

LONG BRANCH, N.J. — Herb McKenley, suspended by the AAU for his failure to live up to an agreement to run in an Australian track meet Jan. 15, was off Sunday by air for Sydney, in an effort to clear himself with officials in this country.

The New Jersey AAU suspended the world's record holder at 400 meters and 440 yards, upon request of the Australian AAU, which asserted that McKenley had agreed to take part in the meet there next Saturday night.

According to the Aussies, McKenley had promised to be in the Land Down Under on Jan. 8, but instead had applied for entrance in track meets at New York and Washington, D.C.

McKenley was scheduled to run in the Knights of Columbus Council games at New York last Saturday night, and he was also entered in The Evening Star carnival at Washington, D.C., this week end. Action of the local AAU barred him from participation in either or both of these meets.

Booked by AAU

Herb had been booked in the Australia games on a tour arranged by the AAU. He was to have accompanied Lloyd LaBeach, of Panama, a top sprinter. LaBeach left on schedule. 1-15-49

Art Wisner, white, secretary of the Long Branch A.C., under whose colors McKenley has been competing in this country, laid the blame for the "misunderstanding" at the door of the AAU.

Wisner contended the AAU should have negotiated the McKenley tour through the club and, if it had, there would have been no conflict of dates and McKenley would have kept his appointments.

Dan Ferris, executive secretary of the AAU, hinted that McKenley may still face disbarment, even when he returns to the U.S. after fulfillment of the Aussie engagement. "He was supposed to appear there in shape to run. He can't possibly be in condition for competition after four days of travel with no little or no sleep."

M'KENLEY ANNEXES 440-DASH ON COAST

Wins in Pacific Association Games—Team Title to San Francisco Olympic Club

Sun. 5-5-49

BERKELEY, Calif., June 4 (AP)—Lanky Herb McKenley of Jamaica, holder of the world 440-yard dash record, won his specialty easily today in the annual Pacific Association (A.A.U.) track and field championships.

McKenley took the lead rounding the stretch turn for home and won by three yards in the comparatively slow time of 0:47.4. He set the world record of 0:46 here at the University of California's Edwards track stadium last year.

An 18-year-old Napa High School boy, Sherman Miller, competing for the San Francisco Olympic Club, chased the star from Jamaica to the wire. Miller nosed out Ollie Matson, University of San Francisco Freshman who stumbled and fell at the tape

Chandler Takes Shot Put

The San Francisco Olympic Club won the team championship with 63 2/3 points. The University of California was second with 54 ¼ and Stanford third with 28¾.

Otis Chandler of Stanford won the shot put at 53 feet 8½ inches, considerably below his best efforts which have exceeded 56 feet. Chandler is still bothered by a sore wrist. Sun. 5-5-49

Lloyd La Beach of Panama, another guest star, won the 100-yard dash in 0:09.6. He finished a stride ahead of Bob Crowe of San Jose State College. La Beach also won his heat handily, being clocked in 0:09.5. Kaare Vefling, Norwegian runner competing for the University of California, won the mile by 30 yards in 4:19.5. His teammate, Paul Mello, finished second. Al Lyonds of Stanford was third. In the Pacific Coast Conference intercollegiate championships at Seattle last week, Vefling finished second to Mello.

A shirt-sleeved crowd of approximately 5,000 saw the meet in temperatures which reached the upper 90s.

Tom Montgomery of the San Francisco Olympic Club, tossed the 16-pound hammer 170 feet 7½ inches for a new meet record. The old mark of 163 feet 10 inches was set in 1943 by Hal Williams of the Olympic Club.

Gordien Victor in Discus

Fortune Gordien, American discus champion, formerly of the University of Minnesota and now competing for the Olympic Club, tossed the platter 171 feet 11¼ inches. Gordien is undefeated this year. Last night, at the Compton Relays, he won with a toss exceeding 179 feet.

His throw today set a new Pacific Association record. The old mark was 164 feet 4 inches, set in 1940 by Phil Fox. Gordien got off one throw today of 181 feet 5⅛ inches but he fouled on the attempt, barely stepping outside the circle.

The pole vault went to Bob Richards of the Illinois A. C. at 14 feet 4 inches.

Richards did not start vaulting until the bar had reached 13 feet. There was a three-way tie for second place among Ray Kring, College of the Pacific, and two Olympic Club athletes, Bill Larsen and Luke Nichols. They tied at 13 feet 6 inches.

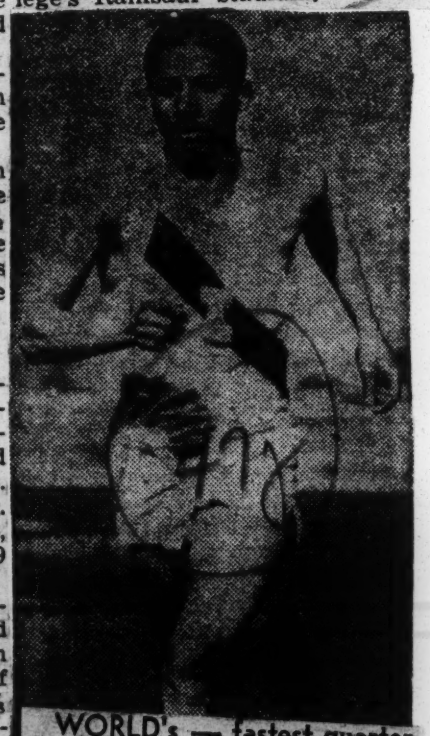
Mal Whitfield, McKenley, & LaBeach in Compton Relays

Olympic champion Mal Whitfield, a former Jefferson high track ace, sent in his entry for the Compton Invitation Track & Field meet this week, adding his name to those of headliners Herb McKenley and Lloyd LaBeach as a featured attraction. Sat. 4-30-49

Winner of the 800-meter Olympic title, Whitfield will defend his half mile crown won in the '48 Invitational. He will be one of several track aces shipped out for the meet by Ohio state. There is a chance that he will run against Olympic & world quarter-mile champion McKenley in the 400-meters.

LaBeach, who enjoys the title of "world's second fastest human" will be odds-on favorite in the 100 and 200-meters, unless USC's Pell Mel Patton enters. In which case, it will be a renewal of last year's grudge sprint matches, in which Patton came out on top each time.

The Invitation will be held Friday night, June 3, at Compton college's Ramsaur stadium.



WORLD's — fastest quarter-miler, Herb McKenley (above) and his countryman Jamaican Lloyd LaBeach this week filed their entries in the Compton Invitational. LaBeach hopes to run into Mel Patton at the meet, has an old score to settle with him: last year, under peculiar starting conditions, Patton beat him to the wire every time they met up. Sat. 4-30-49

Jesse Owens Named to Hall of Fame

LOS ANGELES—Jesse Owens, star of the 1936 Olympic Games, took his place along with 45 other track and field coaches and athletes in the Helms Hall of Fame here last week.

The ex-East Tech and Ohio State athlete was elected into the hall of fame for "noteworthy contributions to sports in the U.S." by a board of Los Angeles sports editors.

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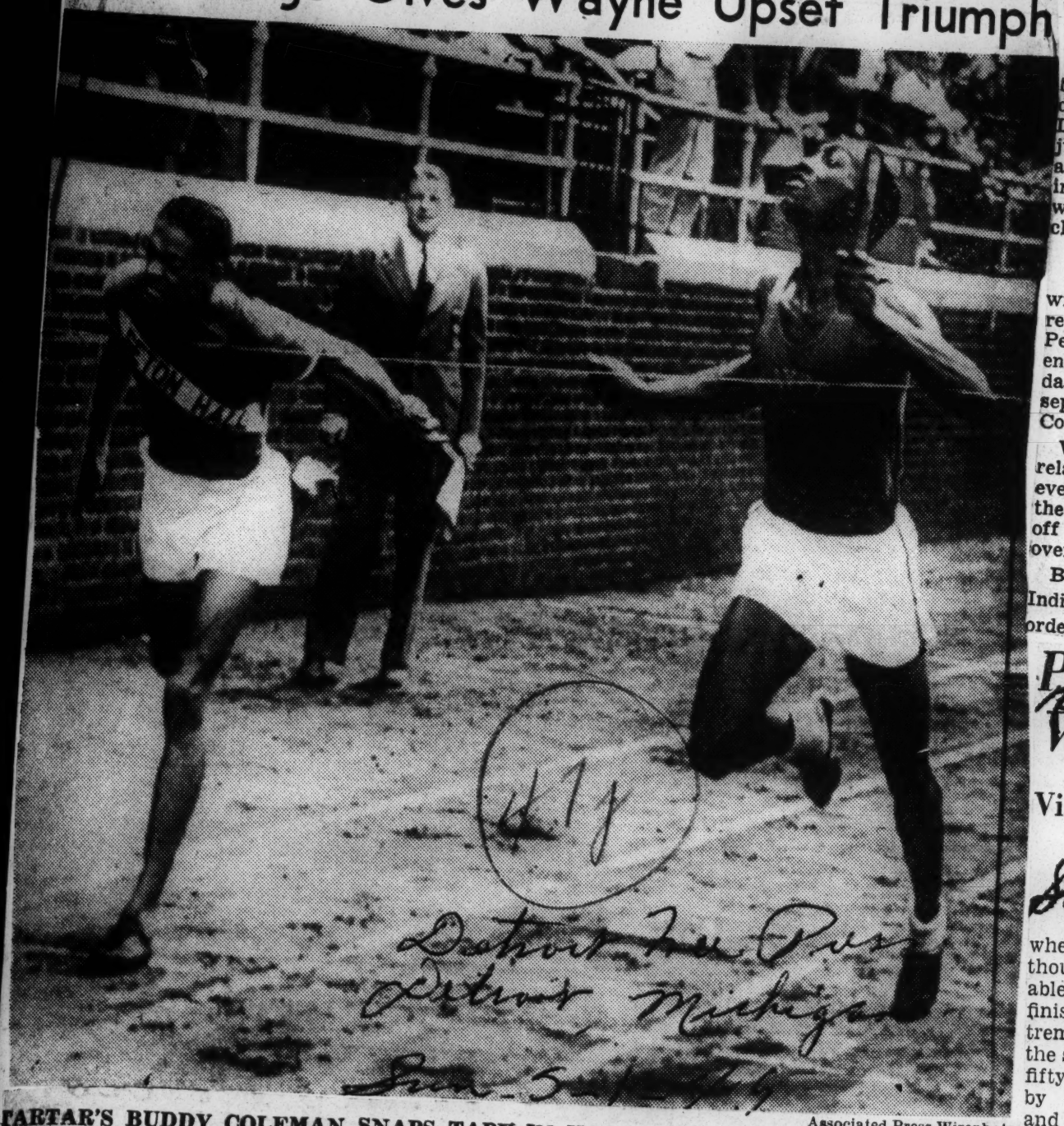
Penn Relays

Final Lunge Gives Wayne Upset Triumph



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TARTAR'S BUDDY COLEMAN SNAPS TAPE IN HALF-MILE RELAY IN PENN RELAYS
Belated spurt enabled him to nip Andy Stanfield of Seton Hall by inch

Associated Press Wirephoto

4 Wayne Trackmen Rule Penn Relays

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Detroit, Michigan
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Unheralded Tartars Barley Miss Grand Slam with 3 Big Victories

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Four speedsters from Wayne University paraded through the University of Pennsylvania relay carnival to steal the thunder away from many of the big-name teams.

Lorenzo Wright and Buddy Coleman carried the major share of the load for the Detroit foursome. Their efforts in the two-day meet produced a pair of relay titles and an individual championship and barely missed taking a fourth event for a grand slam.

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WAYNE'S QUARTET of Leon Wingo, Irving Petross, Wright and Coleman captured the quarter-mile relay Friday. It came back Saturday to win the half-mile stick-passing finale in 1:26 flat before a crowd of 30,000 at Franklin Field.

Only other team to score a double in the relay events was New York University, which made a runaway of the mile relay in 3:15.6 after taking the sprint medley title Friday.

Wright, who ran on the victorious United States team in the disputed 400-meter relay at the London Olympics, took the broad jump for the second straight year, although he had to leave the jumping pit to run in the relay. His winning leap was 23 feet, 8¼ inches.

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THEN CAME the 100-yard dash, with Wright and Coleman both reaching the six-man final. Chuck Peters, Indiana's Western Conference sprint champion, won the dash in 9.7 seconds but only inches separated him from Wright, with Coleman a close third.

Wayne's time in the 880-yard relay was the third best for the event in the 55-year history of the meet. It was just one second off the world record and six-tenths over the carnival mark.

Behind Wayne came Seton Hall, Indiana and Manhattan in that order.

Pearman's Sprint-Medley Drive Wins for N. Y. U. at Penn Relays

New York Herald Tribune
New York, New York

Violet Star Triumphs Over Ohio State's Whitfield; Frank Breaks Record in Discus Throw

Sat - 4 - 30 - 49

By Jesse Abramson

PHILADELPHIA, April 29.—Whatever his shortcomings elsewhere, Reggie Pearman runs the Penn Relays on Franklin Field as though he owned every cinder on it. Onc eagain N. Y. U.'s unpredictable Reggie, addicted to photo finishes that give his coach the tremors, took over as the star of the show on the opening day of the fifty-fifth annual relay carnival by outfinishing Mal Whitfield and upsetting the favorites from Ohio State in a near-record sprint medley.

As a blazing sun dropped down behind Weightmann Hall at the end of the long afternoon, Pearman took off in front in the closing race of the day. No front runner, Rapid Reggie was caught in the backstretch by Whitfield, coming from far back in a brilliant bid appropriate to the Olympic 800-meter champion and record-holder.

Worn Down by Perman

For the last 220 yards they hooked up in the most spectacular duel of the day. Pearman, the winter-book favorite who did not make the 1948 Olympic team, met the challenge with his old fire, with speed and fight that he hasn't showed at the half mile in nearly a year. Fighting off Whitfield again and again in a shoulder-to-shoulder batle, Pearman wore down his great rival and zoomed away to a six-yard margin down the long homestretch.

The N. Y. U. foursome of Jim Gilhooley, Hartley Lewis, Ira Kaplan and Pearman, running the 440, two 220s and 880, covered the medley mile in 3 minutes 24.8 seconds, only six-tenths of a second back of Pitt's carnival record set eleven years ago. Ohio State, a big favorite thanks to the presence of Whitefield, finished second, Penn third and Cornell fourth.

All these teams ran in the second section. Seton Hall, winning the first section from defending champion Michigan in 3:29.6, was unplaced in the final standings, rated on time.

East Breaks Two Records

Thanks to N. Y. U.'s unexpected triumph, the East won two of the three major relays of the first day from the West, cleaned up all five individual tests and produced two meet records, to boot.

Syracuse, anchored by Nell Pratt's winning 4:14.2 mile, won

schol division contested by hordes of schoolboy teams. Sprinters from Dodgertown were one-two in the high school 440-yard relay which drew ninety-two entries, as Boys' High, with George Shaw, Ansley Holmes, Morton Hofflich and Jimmy Conaway, won the race for the third straight year and retired the trophy. Doc Elstein's foursome, with Conoway the only holdover from the record-shattering team that won last year, was clocked in 43.2 seconds, beating Bishop Loughlin by four yards, with Chester, Pa., third.

The summaries:

400-meter hurdles (run in two sections, places decided on time basis): 1—Charles Moore, Cornell; 2—Hubert Gates, Seton Hall; 3—William Larochelle, Westetrn Ontario; 4—tie between Robert Hatch, N. Y. U., and George Ray, Rutgers. Time, 52.1 (betters relay record of 53.1 set by Jeffrey Kirk, Pennsylvania, 1947).

College sprint medley relay (440, 220, 220, 880) (run in two sections, placings on time basis): 1—N. Y. U. (James Gilhooley, Hartley Lewis, Ira Kaplan, Reggie Pearman); 2—Ohio State; 3—Pennsylvania; 4—Cornell. Time, 3:24.9.

Two-mile: 1—Horace Ashenfelter, Penn State; 2—Samuel Magill, North Carolina; 3—Richard Hart, Penn; 4—Stanton Waterman, Dartmouth. Time, 9:21.5.

College quarter-mile relay: 1—Wayne (Leon Wingo, Irving Petross, Lorenzo Wright, Buddy Coleman); 2—Indiana; 3—Army; 4—Penn State Time, 41.7.

Shot put—1: James E. Fuchs, Yale, 55 feet 10⅜ inches; 2: Staley Lampert, N. Y. U., 51 feet 11 inches; 3: Victor Frank jr., Yale, 51 feet 3¼ inches; 4. James Robertson, Indiana, 50 feet 7½ inches.

Distance college medley relay (half mile), quarter-mile, three-quarters and mile): 1: Syracuse (Kier Fitzgerald, John Khars, Dick Church, Neil Pratt); 2: N. Y. U. 3: Princeton; 4: Yale. Time, 10:08.1.

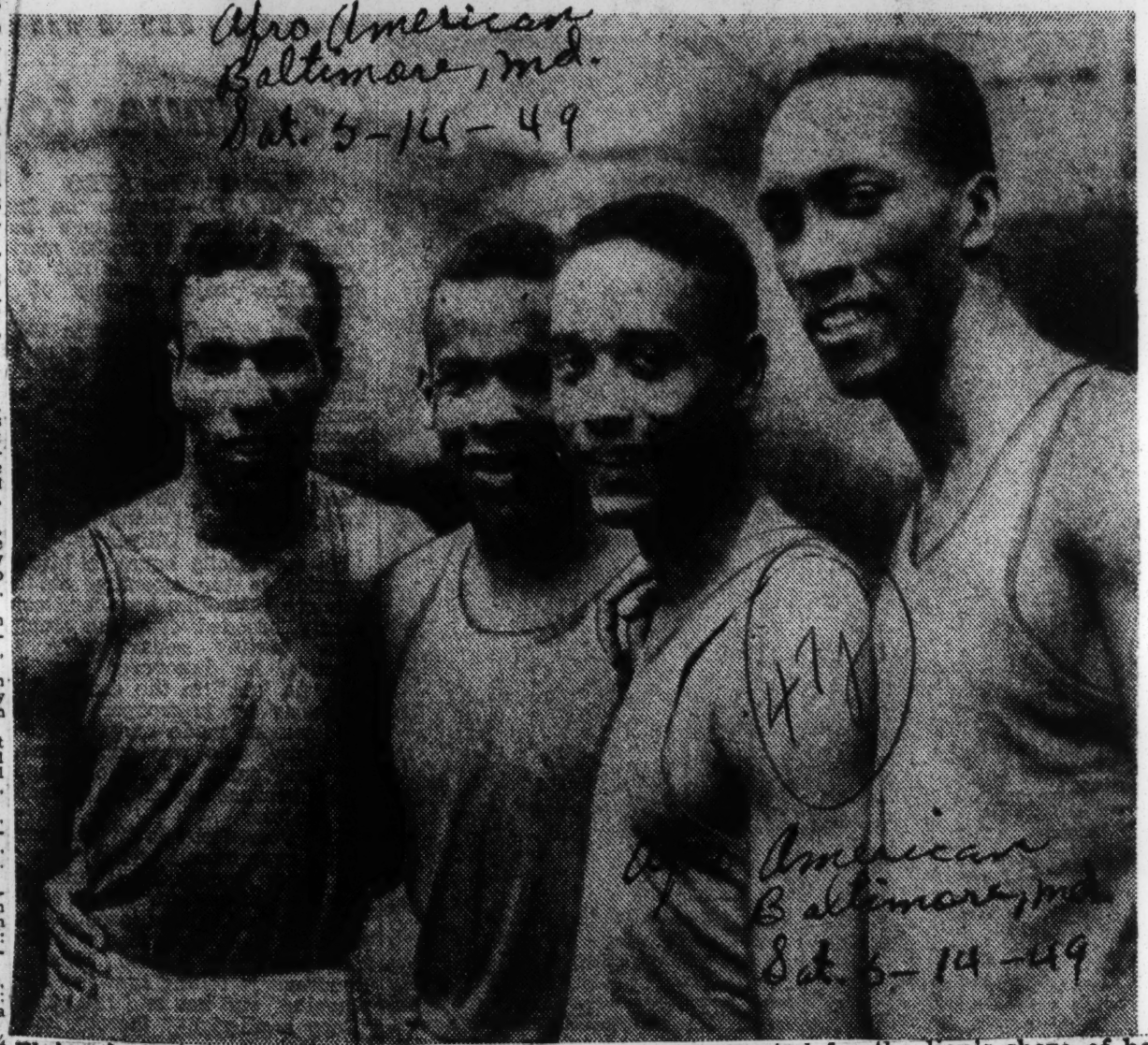
Middle Atlantic States Association mile relay (run in two sections. Placings decided on the basis); 1: Swarthmore (William Tietz, Allen Van Duesen, John Spaulding, William Battin); 2: Washington College; 3: Haverford; 4: Lafayette. Time, 3:26.7.

120-yard high hurdles: 1: James Gehedes, Penn State; 2: Richard Maxwell, Ohio State; 3: William Mitchell, Georgetown; 4: F. Dana Payne, Princeton. Time, 14.4.

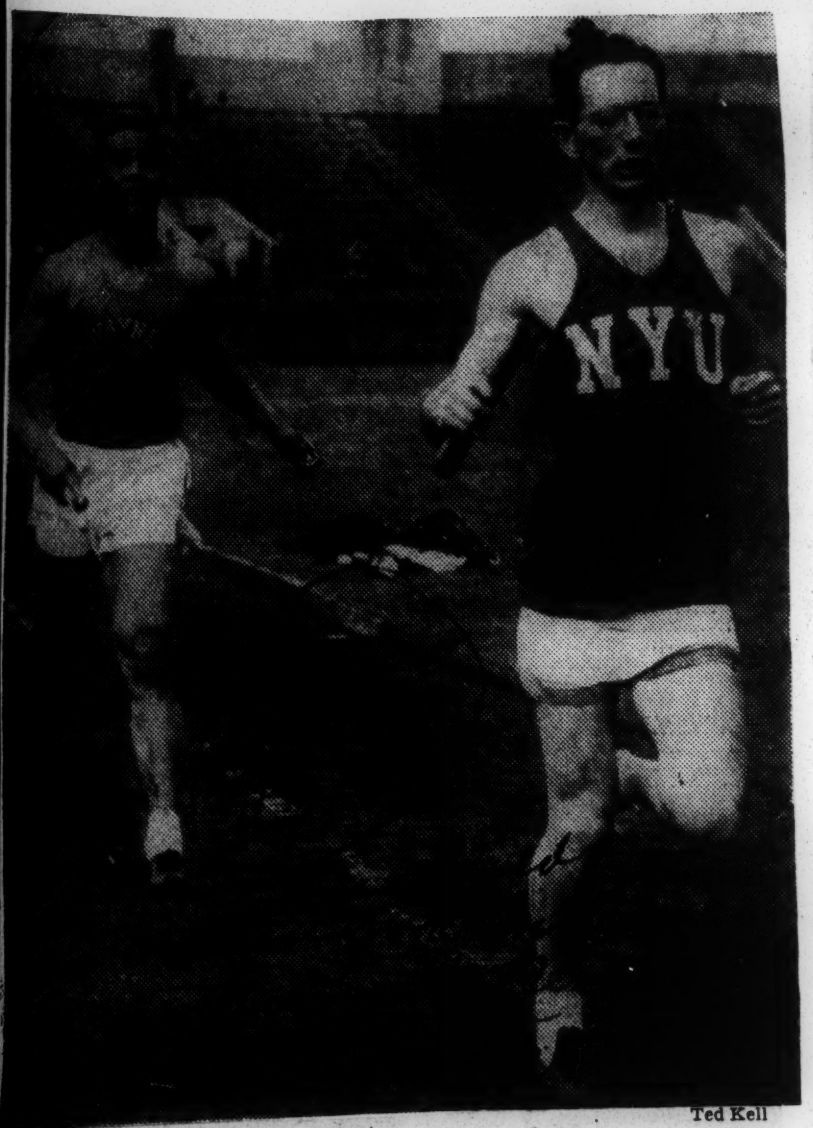
Discus—1: Victor Frank, Yale, 170 feet 7¾ inches; 2: Robert Seligman, North Carolina, 159 feet 4¼ inches; 3: James Scholtz, Army, 157 feet 9¾ inches; 4: James Fuchs, Yale, 156 feet 4⅞ inches. (New meet record, old meet record of 167 feet 10⅛ inches set by Archie Harris Indiana, 1041).

High school distance medley relay (880, 440, three-quarters, mile), run in three sections, placing decided on time basis—1: Bishop Loughlin, Brooklyn (Jerome Murphy, Roy Lucas, Robert Kubic, Alan Mulligan); 2: Bayside, N. Y. C.; 3: Newtown, N. Y. C.; 4: Iona, N. Y. C. Time, 10:47.9.

Took Home Three Penn Relays Crowns



Flying feet of these four Wayne University Athletes accounted for the lion's share of honors at the Penn Relays. They anchored two major championships (the 440-yard and 880-yard relays) and Lorenzo Wright, second from right, won the broad jump and placed second in the 100-yard dash.



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BLOOMING VIOLET: Ira Kaplan, N. Y. U. sprinter and anchor man in the half-mile relay, breasts the tape first as the Violets won the second heat in the Seton Hall relays yesterday. Finishing behind Kaplan is Lorenzo Wright, of Wayne University

Morgan State Upsets N. Y. U., Seton Hall in 3:18.5 Mile Relay

New York Herald Tribune

New York New York

Baltimore Four Eclipses Meet Record; Princeton Betters Distance Medley Mark at Newark

By Jesse Abramson

NEWARK, N. J., April 23.—In a commendable "share-the-wealth" program, seven colleges split the seven Eastern championships in the concluding varsity phase of the third annual Seton Hall College Relays in Newark City Stadium today.

Despite a whipping breeze and a cuppy, dead racing strip, two meet records were returned through the afternoon of showers, sunshine and shadows. The outstanding triumph fell to Morgan State in the final race of the long afternoon when the Baltimoreans hung up a record mile of 3 minutes 18.5 seconds in walloping the co-favorites, N. Y. U. and Seton Hall, by the stunning margins of twenty and twenty-three yards.

The winner's time eclipsed N. Y. U's year-old standard of 3:19.3 Jun-4-24-49

Princeton, winning its first title in the brief history of the carnival, also broke a record when Matty Geis's Tiger foursome won the two-and-a-half mile distance medley in 10 minutes 36 seconds, bettering the year-old standard by 8.2 seconds.

N. Y. U. Retains One Title

N. Y. U., defending four of the titles, retained only one of them. With Reggie Pearman, its I. C. 4-A. quarter-mile champion and best half-miler, hung up somewhere between British Guiana and home, the Violet repeated in the 440-yard relay in 42.9 seconds and picked up four seconds for the best performance by any team.

Emil von Elling's Bronx racers were runners-up in the 880, mile, four-mile and sprint medley.

Wayne University, of Detroit, took the 880 in 1:29.6, Manhattan won the two-mile in 8:03.5, Syracuse was first in the four-mile, Seton Hall in the sprint medley.

Despite the absence of Pearman, N. Y. U. and Seton Hall were expected to dominate the running of the mile relay. The result was the No. 1 upset of the day. Morgan State, which operates in the Colored Intercollegiate A. A., has never won anything in major varsity competition with the brethren up North.

Tyler Runs 0:48.6 Quarter

Andy Stanfield, I. C. 4-A indoor sprint champion, put the Setonians on top by five yards with a 0:50.6 lead-off quarter from a standing start, with Georgetown, Morgan State and N. Y. U. in pursuit. Bob Tyler, from Asbury Park, running the second leg for Morgan State brought his team from ten yards behind into a ten-yard lead with a spectacular 0:48.6 quarter, fastest of the day. Tyler, 100 and 220-yard champion of the Colored Intrecollegiate A. A., is a comparatively unknown runner, but as a schoolboy, before the war, he once outran the late great John Borican in a 47-second straightaway quarter on the Asbury Park boardwalk.

The lead that Tyler contrived with his swift burst put Morgan in clover. Bill Brown doubled the margin, though pitted against the likes of Hugo Maiocco, of N. Y. U., and Seton Hall's Phil Thigpen, and George Rhoden, of Jamaica's Olympic team, held the margin against Jim Gilhooley, of N. Y. U., while Frank Fox, Setonian's I. C. 4-A 600-yard champion, closed seven yards on Gilhooley, but failed by three yards to catch him.

The Morgan four of Sam LaBeach (brother of Lloyd) Tyler, Brown and Rhoden was clocked in 51.5, 48.6, 48.7 and 49.7.

N. Y. U's 440-yard foursome of Royal Chernock, Hartley Lewis, Frank Svoboda and Ira Kaplan, helped by nifty baton exchanges and the fiery finish of Kaplan, defeated Wayne by two yards in 42.9 after running a 42.8 heat. Kaplan started with a yard on Olympian Lorenzo Wright, doubled the gap. Manhattan finished third but was disqualified for overrunning the exchange zone between the second and third legs.

Jaspers Disqualified Twice

The Jasper sprinters were knee-deep in misfortune. Virtually the same team, anchored by Joe Cianciabella, beat Wayne to a photo finish in the 880-yard relay, but Cianciabella came home without the baton, which he had lost in a shoulder-to-shoulder duel with Lo Wright, of Wayne. Kaplan, starting seven yards back, ran up their backs to get second after Manhattan's automatic disqualification. Wayne was clocked in 1:29.6.

Princeton dethroned Villanova in the distance medley. The Tiger entry of Sam Howell, Ken Crouse, Bob Akely and Ron Wittreich, running the quarter, half, three-quarters and mile in that order, held the lead on the first leg, lost it to Syracuse on the second, regained it on the third, dropped off the pace in the mile stint whereupon Wittreich, with a 4:29.7 mile, came from behind to outkick Villanova's George Thompson by two yards. Akely did his part in the Princeton success by starting and finishing ahead of Villanova's Browning Ross, handing Wittreich a ten-yard margin of which he save two.

Syracuse, sixty yards back, was a distant third and Fordham fourth. Jun-4-24-49

The sprint medley was split into two sections, with Seton Hall and N. Y. U. going in the first. It was no contest. The Setonians, with Frank Fox running a 50.2 quarter, Basil McKenzie and Andy Stanfield reeling off their furlongs in 22 and 21.6, and Phil Thigpen waltzing the half in 2:02.4, returned 3:55.2, thirty yards ahead of the Violet, with Princeton and Manhattan trailing. Howard in the second section returned 3.39.8 and stepped into third place back of Seton Hall and N. Y. U. in the final rating.

John Moran, Iggie Rienzo, Phil O'Connell and Tom Comerford gave Manhattan its lone success in the two-mile relay, where the Jaspers controlled the race most of the way but Comerford had to come from behind. He beat Syracuse fifteen yards. Georgetown was third, N. Y. U. fourth.

Syracuse Wins Four-Mile Test

In the four-mile relay, run in a heavy shower, Manhattan took a fifteen-yard lead on Joe Seebode's lead-off leg. Jack Warner put Syracuse on top in the second leg, and it was a breeze from there in by the sons of Bill Orange, who won by fifty yards from N. Y. U. Manhattan was third. The winners were clocked in the slow time of 18:19.6, with a team of Alex Perritt, Warner, Dick Church, and Neil Pratt.

On Charley Slade's long-striding 48.8 anchor quarter, Seton Hall shook lose from Villanova's tenacious challenge for a ten-yard triumph in the freshman mile. The Setonia cubs were clocked in 3:25.4. Manhattan was third.

Manhattan won the freshman medley of one and seven-eighth miles in 8:02.5, beating Seton Hall by six yards and Villanova by twenty.

Johnny Quigley's Mount St. Michael's foursome of Dick McAneny, Art Mattiello, Leo Forrest and Jim Enright won the high school two-mile relay title by a margin of six inches over Dover High of New Jersey in 8:34.7.

These two, best of a field of thirty-two teams, raced in the first of four sections and were one two in the final standing after the anchormen, Enright and Francis Sullivan, in a blistering stretch finish, pitched headlong across the tape. Loughlin, winner of two titles yesterday, was third, with defender Cardinal Hayes fourth.

The prep mile field, reduced to two starters by the false-start disqualification of Poly Prep and Stony Brook, went to Seton Hall.

Foursome Runs Mile In 3:18.5

Howard U's Tankard Leaps 22' 7 1-8" To Top Broad Jump Title

NEWARK, N. J.—Morgan State College's relay team turned in the outstanding performance of the Seton Hall Relays here Saturday as the quartet captured the featured varsity mile event in the sparkling time of 3:18.5 to clip eight-tenths of a second off of the record mark set [illegible] last year.

The Morgan [illegible] composed of Sammy LaBeach, brother of Panama's Olympic [illegible] Lloyd LaBeach; Bob Tyler, Bill [illegible]n and George Rhoden ca[illegible] more than 20 yards ahe[illegible]eir nearest rival.

The C[illegible]nd Black quartet clippe[illegible]eir quarter-mile in

Another record was set by Princeton's distance relay team in a. 10:36 to shatter the [illegible]2 set by Villanova last

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Sprint Medley—1. Seton Hall; 2. New York University; 3. Howard University; Princeton; 5. Manhattan. Time—3:35.2

440-Yard—1. New York University; 2. Wayne; 3. Lincoln; 4. Morgan; 5. Howard. Time—0:42.9. (Manhattan finished third but was disqualified).

Freshman One-Mile—1. Seton Hall; 2. Villanova; 3. Manhattan; 4. Providence; 5. St. John's. Time 3:25.4.

Distance Medley—1. Princeton (Sam Howell, 440; Ken Crouse, 880; Bob Akley, ¾ mile; Ronald Wittreich, mile); 2. Villanova; 3. Syracuse; 4. Fordham. Time—10:36 (New meet record; old record, 10:44.2, by Villanova, 1948).

80-Yard Relay—1. Wayne; 2. New York University; 3. Princeton; 4. Howard. Time—1:29.6. (Manhattan finished second, but was disqualified.)

THE SUMMARIES
COLLEGE EVENTS
CHAMPIONSHIP RELAYS

Freshman One-and-Seven-Eighths Mile Medley—1. Manhattan; 2. Seton Hall; 3. Villanova; 4. New York University. Time—8:02.5.
Two Mile—1. Manhattan; 2. Syracuse; 3. Georgetown; 4. New York University. Time 8:03.5.
One Mile—1. Morgan State; 2. New York University; 3. Seton Hall; 4. Georgetown; 5. Villanova. Time—3:19.5 (new meet record) old record, 3:19.3, by N.Y.U.
ONE MILE CLASS RELAYS
First Race—1. Howard University; 2. Manhattan; 3. Fordham; 4. Morgan State. Time 3:25.7.
Second Race—1. Kings Point; 2. Montclair Teachers; 3. N. Y. State Maritime Academy; 4. St. Peter's. Time—3:36.5.
Third Race—1. City College; 2. Seton Hall; 3. St. Francis; 4. St. John's. Time—3:30.1.
Fourth Race—1. Iona; 2. Providence; 3. Adelphi; 4. Panzer. Time—3:38.
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Morgan State and Princeton Clip Relay Records at Seton Hall Meet

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BY JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

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NEWARK, N. J., April 23—Seven "eastern championship" races produced as many different winners today as the third annual Seton Hall Relays, first major event of the outdoor track and field season in this section, of revenge on Seton Hall, which were completed today at Newark relieved the Violets of their sprint City Stadium. Although yester- medley title, by beating the Pi- day's torrential rain and show- rates for runner-up honors. ers at the start of today's pro- The other record of the day fell gram left this soft, cuppy track to Princeton's distance medley on the heavy side, two meet combination of Sam Howell (440), records fell before the onslaught Ken Crouse (880), Bob Akely of a representative gathering of (three quarters) and Ronnie Witt- college stars. reich (mile), which returned a 10:36 clocking, as against the rec- ord of 10:44.2 set by Villanova last year.

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The outstanding performance New York U., which won four came in the final of the long titles at this meet last year, had program, when a Swift quartet to settle for one this time. The from Morgan State College raced Violets, with Royal Chernock, over the churned-up cinders in a Hartley Lewis, Frank Svoboda and dazzling 3:18.5 in the featured Ira Kaplan, retained their 440- varsity mile relay. This shaved yard crown, in 0:42.9 but this same eight-tenths of a second from combination was dethroned in the NYU's mark of last year. 880 by Wayne University of De- troit, which stepped the distance

Sam La Beach, brother of the in 1:29.6. Panama's Olympic star; Bob Tyler and Bill Brown, respectively the A heroic anchor stint by the sprint and 440 champions of the improving Kaplan, who touched Colored Intercollegiate A. A., and off even with Lorenzo Wright, George Rhoden, Jamaica Olympian, Wayne's Olympic runner and carried the stick for the "sleeper" broad jumper, and beat the De- entry from Baltimore. troiter home by two yards, gave

Clipping off their quarter-miles N. Y. U. the quarter-mile title. In in 0:51.5, 0:48.6, 0:48.7 and 0:49.7, the 880, Kaplan picked up a full they left NYU's defenders and five yards on Wright but started Seton Hall, who had been expected from too far back and finished to battle it out in this race, far in three yards behind. the lurch. Morgan State's margin of victory was a full twenty yards.

Manhattan Among Victors

Even though Reggie Pearman, Manhattan, shorn of its four- their crack anchorman, did not ar- mile honors by Syracuse, evened rive back from his junket to Brit- the score with the Orange by tak- ish Guinea in time to run here as ing the two-mile relay in 8:03.5. scheduled, NYU gained a measure The same Jasper combination of of revenge when Reggie Pearman, John Moran, Ignatius Rienzo, Phil who had been ill, was able to run O'Connell and Tom Comerford that in the mile relay. Pearman, who was the swiftest of the past winter campaign, beat Syracuse by fif- teen yards on Comerford's strong run from behind against Keir Fitzgerald after Neil Pratt had wrested the lead from O'Connell.

This helped make up for the run of luck the Jaspers experienced in the two sprint events. George Eastment's dashmen finished third in the 440 but were disqualified for over-running their zone on the second exchange and were involved in a photo finish with Wayne in the 880 only to be thrown out be- cause anchor man Joe Cianciabella had lost his stick while battling shoulder to shoulder with Wright around the final turn.

The distance medley was an- other competitive standout. Akely, coming up from third place, touched off Wittreich with a ten- yard lead and it looked like a breeze for the Tigers, in view of the prowess of their little miler. However, George Thompson, an- choring Villanova's defenses, had other ideas.

He spurted ahead of the Prince- tonite at the half mile leg and kept pouring on the pace. A fur- long from home, Thompson had a four-yard edge. Wittreich sprinted and caught him on the last turn but before the race was won he had to fight off a counter-bid by Thompson and snapped the tape just a stride in front. Favored Syracuse was a distant third, hav- ing split up its best talent in an eleventh-hour bid to win three races.

With Pearman out of action, the sprint medley failed to live up to its pre-meet potentialities as a thriller. Seton Hall, with Frank Fox (440), Basil McKenzie and Andy Stanfield (220) and Phil Thigpen (880) beat the revised Violet quartet by thirty yards.

Taking the lead on the second leg, Syracuse scored by fifty yards over NYU, which had a fifteen-yard advantage over Man- hattan, in the four-mile relay.

Howard University was the fastest winner in the four college class mile relays, returning 3:25.7 in beating Manhattan and Ford- ham. Other victors were City Col- lege in 3:30.1, Kings Point in 3:36.5 and Iona in 3:38.

NYU's Stan Lampert supplied the most meritorious performance registered in the four field events added to the program this year. The huge Violet junior flipped the 16-pound shot 52 feet 10¾, one of his best efforts ever.

Loughlin Team Trails

Mount St. Michael's combina- tion of Dick McAneny, Art Mat- tiello, Leo Forrest and James En- right won the high school two- mile relay. Johnny Quigley's charges just beat out Dover by a foot in the first of four sections, returning 8:34.7. Bishop Lough- lin, which had won the 880-yard and one-mile titles yesterday, missed its bid for a triple victory when it could do no better than 8:35.6 in its race.

Completing a clean sweep of the prep school honors, Seton Hall Prep took the one-mile relay in 3:34.1, with Ed Terranova, Joe La Pierre, Fred Dwyer and Bob Cusick carrying the stick. With Poly Prep and Stony Brook dis- qualified for two false starts, Seton Hall Prep had only St. Benedict's to beat and did that by nearly 100 yards.

THE SUMMARIES

COLLEGE EVENTS

Championship Relays

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Freshman One-Mile—1, Seton Hall (Dave Evans, Don Cheek, Bob Carter, Charles Slade); 2, Villanova; 3, Manhattan; 4, Providence; 5, St. John's. Time—3:25.4.
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880-Yard Relay—1, Wayne (Leon Wingo, Ivan Petross, Buddy Coleman, Lorenzo Wright); 2, New York University, 3, Princeton; 4, Howard. Time—1:29.6 (Manhattan finished second but was disqualified).
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Two-Mile—1, Manhattan (John Moran, Ignatius Rienzo, Phil O'Connell, Tom Comerford); 2, Syracuse; 3, Georgetown; 4, New York University. Time—8:03.5.
One-Mile—1, Morgan State (Sam La Beach, Bob Tyler, Bill Brown, George Rhoden); 2, New York University; 3, Seton Hall; 4, Georgetown; 5, Villanova. Time—3:18.5 (new meet record; old record, 3:19.3, by N. Y. U., 1948).

One-Mile Class Relays

First Race—1, Howard University (Bill Collins, Alonzo Williams, Leonard Boswell, Louis Russell); 2, Manhattan; 3, Fordham, 4, Morgan State. Time—3:25.7.
Second Race—1, Kings Point (Dick Bradley, Bill Kaesse, John Maerz, Bob Sleirten); 2, Montclair Teachers; 3, N. Y. State Maritime Academy; 4, St. Peter's. Time—3:36.5.
Third Race—1, City College (Robert Glasse, Ed Laing, William Omeltchenko, Donald Spitzer); 2, Seton Hall; 3, St. Francis; 4, St. John's. Time—3:30.1.
Fourth Race—1, Iona (Cardinal Sandiford, Pete Delaney, William Brown, Ted Holliday); 2, Providence; 3, Adelphi; 4, Panzer. Time—3:38.

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High Jump—1, Arnold Webb, Brooklyn, 6 feet 2 inches; 2, tie between John Revelle, Syracuse, and James Gillcrist, Manhattan, 5 feet 10 inches; 4, Ken Rauschert, Princeton, 5 feet 9 inches.

SCHOOL EVENTS

High School Two-Mile Relay (Four Sections, Places Awarded on Time)—1, Mount St. Michael (Richard McAneny, Arthur Mattiello, Leo Forrest, James Enright); 2, Dover; 3, Bishop Loughlin; 4, Cardinal Hayes; 5, Bayside. Time—8:34.7.
Prep School Mile Relay—1, Seton Hall Prep (Ed Terranova, Joe La Pierre, Fred Dwyer, Robert Cusick); 2, St. Benedict's Prep. Time—3:34.1.
Prep School Class Mile Relay—1, Borough Hall Academy (Matt Conidaris, Lloyd Jackson, Harold Stubbs, Robert Frier); 2, Seton Hall Prep; 3, Poly Prep. Time—3:42.1.

Any Place, It's All the Same

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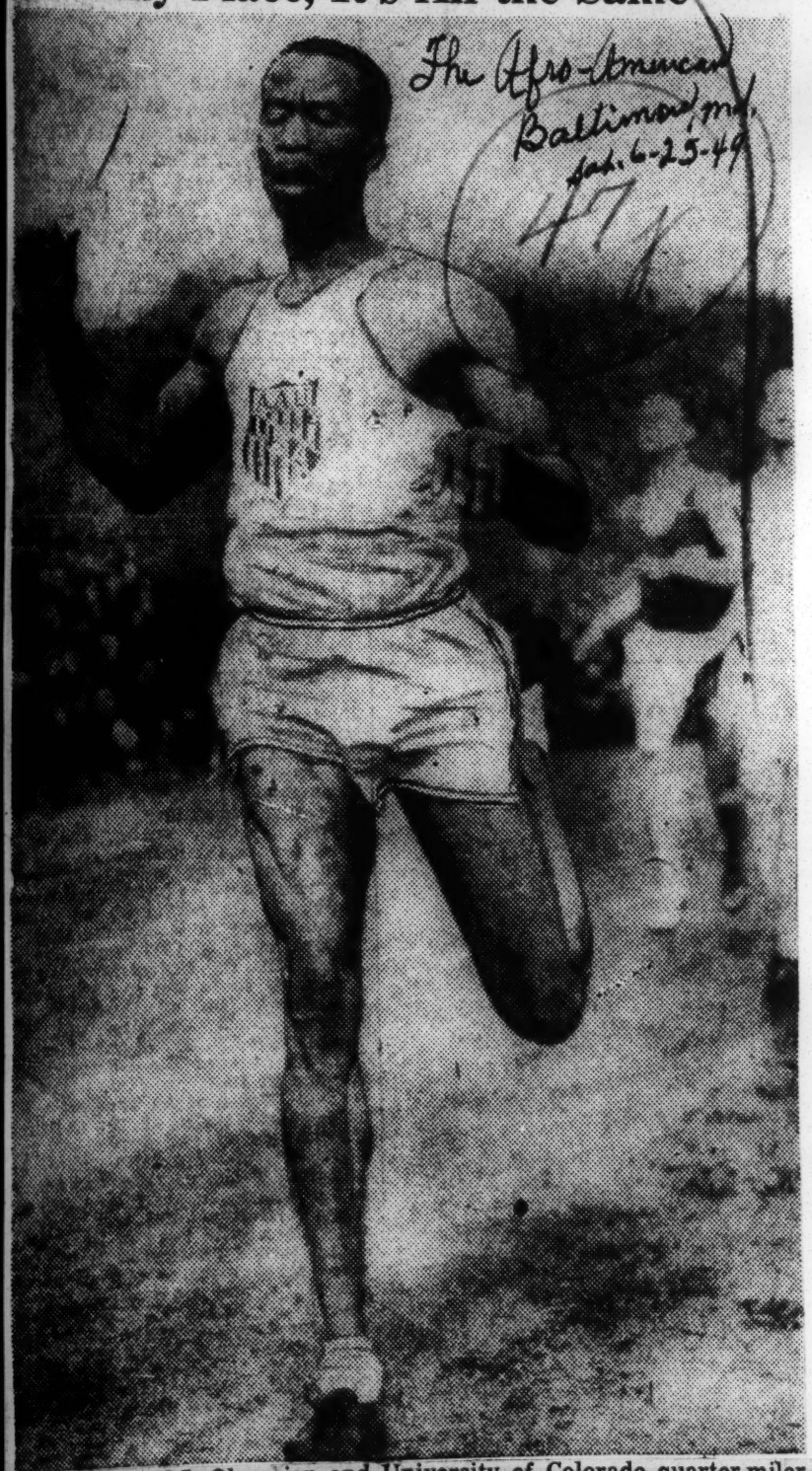

Dave Rolen, U.S. Olympian and University of Colorado quarter-miler, finds winning all the same wherever he goes or is sent. Here the tan flyer is shown breaking the tape in an invitational 440-yard event at Glasgow, Scotland.

A HOWARD RUNNER SHOWING THE WAY AT THE SETON HALL RELAYS

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Lou Russell winning one-mile event, with Dan Hogan of Manhattan getting second and Fred Smarro, Fordham, third

Negro captain 1950 Illini track squad

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CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — All-around athlete Lou Irons, only Negro on the squad, was elected captain of the University of Illinois' 1950 track team by teammates here last week.

Senior Irons, native of Chicago Heights, Ill., will be jumping for his fourth letter next season. A consistent point maker in the high and broadjump, Irons copped the Western Conference highjump title last year; this year, he finished third in both high and broad.

Todate his best competitive marks for his specialties are 6' 5¾" in the highjump and 24' 1½" in the broadjump.

Irons is the first Negro in the history of the school to be elected captain of a varsity team.

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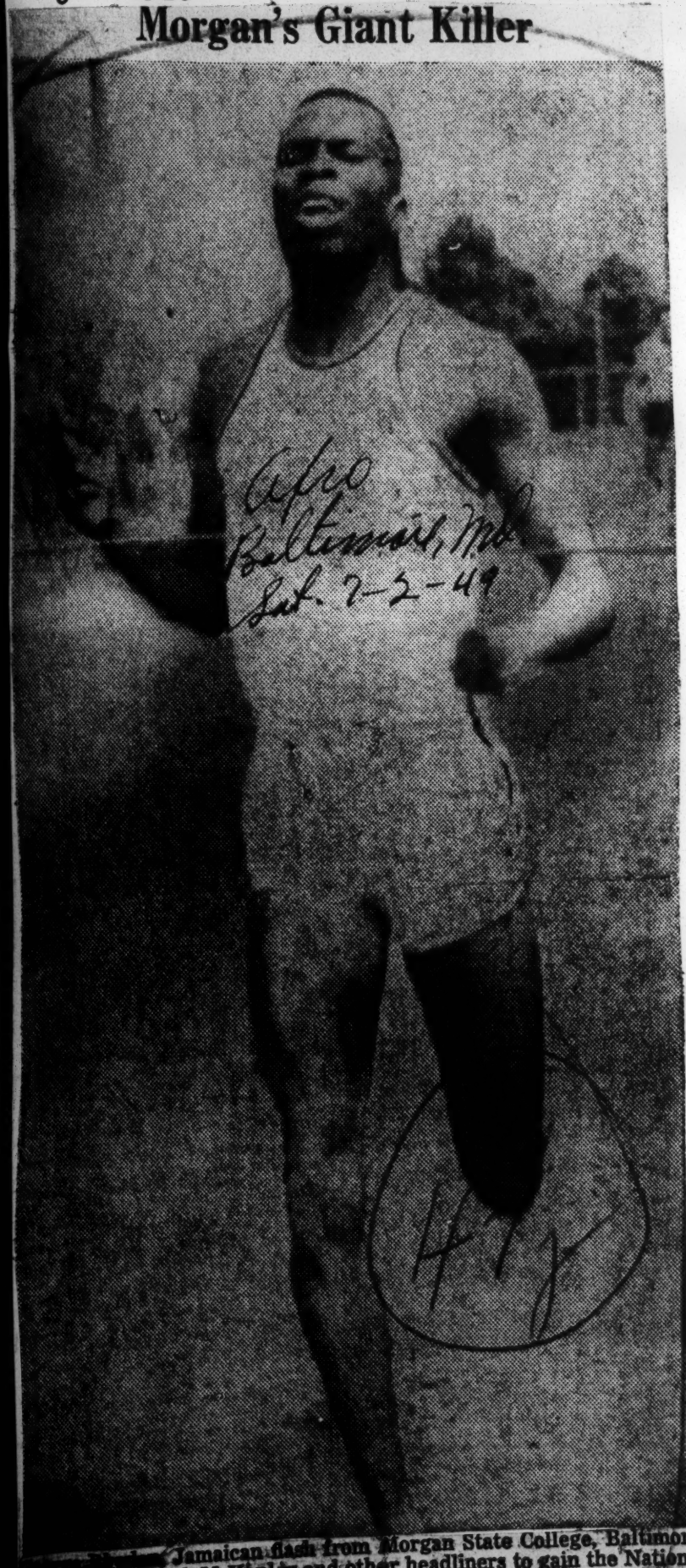
Track (George Rhoden)

Morgan's Giant Killer



Jamaican flash from Morgan State College, Baltimore, ...defeated Herb McKenley and other headliners to gain the National ...-meter crown Saturday at Fresno, Calif. Rhoden was timed in ...4 seconds.

Lincoln's Wheeler Wins Three Events

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FRANKFORT, Ky.—Kentucky State College, amassing a total of 45 points, copped the first annual quadrangular track and field meet here Saturday afternoon on its newly constructed quarter-mile track. Tuskegee, winner of five events, was second with 34 points, followed by Lincoln University of Missouri with 32 points, Tennessee State College with 24 points, and Wilberforce State College with 18 points.

Lincoln University's Leon Wheeler, winner of the 220-yard low hurdles, 120 high hurdles and the broad jump, copped the individual scoring honor for the afternoon with 15 points.

The women's teams of Tuskegee Institute and Tennessee State participated in exhibition races. Some of the women were representatives of the United States in the 1948 Olympics.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

120-yard high hurdles, Wheeler, Lincoln University; Jackson, Kentucky State; White, Wilberforce, Time: 0:15.4.

100-yard dash: Hanley, Kentucky State; Stubblefield, Kentucky State; Dunlop, Lincoln University. Time: 0:9.8

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880-yard run: Overton, Tuskegee; Tapscott, Tennessee State; Dunlop, Kentucky State. Time: 2:30.

1-mile relay: Tuskegee, Tennessee, Wilberforce. Time: 3:29.

220-yard low hurdles: Wheeler, Lincoln University; Edwards, Tennessee State; White, Wilberforce State. Time: 0:25.1.

440-yard relay: Lincoln University, Kentucky State, Tuskegee Institute.

220-yard dash: Hanley, Kentucky State; Casson, Lincoln University; Terry, Tuskegee. Time: 0:2.19.

880-yard relay: Kentucky State College, Tuskegee, Lincoln University. Time: 1:34.5.

440-yard run: Watkins, Tuskegee; Tripp, Lincoln University; Anderson, Wilberforce.

1-mile run: Carrol, Tuskegee; Moore, Tennessee State; Riddlesprigle, Lincoln University. Time: 4:35.

2-mile run: Carrol, Tuskegee; Moore, Tennessee; Riddlesprigle Lincoln University. Time: 10:04.3

High jump: Sykes, Kentucky State; Knowless, Lincoln University; Craig, Tennessee State Height: 6'4".

Pole vault: Wilheight, Tuskegee; White, Wilberforce; Lewis, Kentucky State. Height: 11'6".

Broad jump: Wheeler, Lincoln University; White, Wilberforce; Stubblefield, Kentucky State. Distance: 21'8¾".

Javelin throw: Hawkins, Kentucky State; Howard, Kentucky State; Grider, Tennessee State. Distance: 175'5".

Discus throw: Grider, Tennessee State; Clark, Wilberforce; Gillespie, Tennessee State. Distance: 122'½"

WOMEN'S RESULTS

50-yard dash: Patton, Tennessee State; Hartway, Tennessee State; Walker, Tuskegee. Time: 0:6.

100-yard dash: Patton, Tennessee State; Jackson, Tuskegee Institute; Hartway, Tennessee State. Time: 0:11.1

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440-yard relay: Tuskegee, Tennessee. Time: 0:51.4.

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Lorenzo Wright

Relay Team Comes First with Wayne

Wright Passes Up Specialty for Sprint

Lorenzo Wright, brilliant Wayne University trackman whose broad jumping landed him a berth on the Olympic team last year will pass up his specialty in the Seton Hall Relays this week-end.

Coach David L. Holmes said that he would "save" his star for the defense of his Penn Relays broad jump title April 30.

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WRIGHT STILL will compete in the 440 and 880 relay events, however, along with Buddy Coleman, Capt. Irv Petross, Leon Wingo and Harley Greenberg.

Coleman is the unheralded Tartar sprinter who recently equaled the American 70-yard dash record. The Wayne sprint relay squad is rated a strong chance to capture the 440.

Wright

Rained out of its first two games, the Wayne baseball team is taking to the road with hopes of finally getting its season under way. The Tartars will begin a four-game jaunt through Ohio Wednesday when they meet the University of Toledo.

Wet grounds forced postponement of Saturday's game with Hillsdale and Monday's engagement with the University of Michigan.

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WAYNE WILL meet Bowling Green Thursday, Kent State Friday and Akron Saturday. Coach Joe Truskowski has named a 19-man squad, including six pitchers, to make the trip. The list includes:

Steve Tarczy, Alex Zsenyuk, Chuck Milo, Joe Rzepka, John Hazely, Harold Rutenbar, Jonathan Williams, George Shuk, Bob Bolla, Harry Rabinowitz, Frank Verbanec, Gene D'Ambrosio, Ron Bell, Fred Holdsworth, Chuck Frankel, John Wingo, Peter Bill, Jack Salvadore and Zeke Vogt.